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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, August 11, 2024
8:30 AM

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

ENTRANCE HYMN *Take My Life Lead Me Lord*

Words & Music by R. Maines Rawls

VERSE

C C⁷ F Dm⁷ Em⁷ F

1. Take my life, lead me, Lord, take my life, lead me, Lord, make my life
 2. Take my life, teach me, Lord, take my life, teach me, Lord, make my life
 3. Here am I, send me, Lord, here am I, send me, Lord, make my life

6 C/E C Am⁷ F⁶ G⁷ C C⁷

use - ful to Thee; _____ Take my life, lead me, Lord,
 use - ful to Thee; _____ Take my life, teach me, Lord,
 use - ful to Thee; _____ Here am I, send me, Lord,

11 F F#^{o7} C/G C/E Dm⁷ C/G F/A G⁷ C

take my life, lead me, Lord, make my life use - ful to Thee. _____
 take my life, teach me, Lord, make my life use - ful to Thee. _____
 here am I, send me, Lord, make my life use - ful to Thee. _____

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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

The following is said, all standing

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The people sit.

A Reading from the Second book of Samuel.

⁵The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

⁶So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. ⁷The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. ⁸The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

⁹Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. ¹⁵And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

³¹Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord

the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.”³² The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.”

³³The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths have I called to you;
O God, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

² If you were to note what is done amiss, *
O God, who could stand?

³ For there is forgiveness with you, *
therefore you shall be feared.

⁴ I wait for you, O God; my soul waits for you; *
in your word is my hope.

⁵ My soul waits for you,
more than sentries for the morning, *
more than sentries for the morning.

⁶ O Israel, wait upon God, *
for with God there is mercy.

⁷ With God there is plenteous redemption; *
God shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25--5:2

The people sit.

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

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil.

²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Thank You Lord*
Words by Seth Sykes & Music by Seth Sykes & Bessie Sykes

CHORUS

G

G+



Thank You, Lord, for

10 C

G

G/B

A⁷

D



sav - ing my soul; Thank You, Lord, for mak - ing me whole;

13 G

G+

C

G



Thank You, Lord, for giv - ing to me

15

G/B

G

G⁷/D

C⁶

E/B

Am⁷

G/D

D⁷

G



Thy great sal - va - tion so rich and free.

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GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
con John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁵Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

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.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers; We pray especially for: John, Recia, Jim, Judy, Joey, Sadie, Evelyn, Irene, Barbara, Marge, Jami, Susie, Marilyn, Donna, Norma, Ann, Bill, Laura, Elle, Brendan, Carolyn, Chris, Carol, Jaxon, Jean, Lorraine, Jill, Michael, Roxann, Chloe, Danette, Bob, Deb, Dick, and Hayden & family. Are there any others who need our prayers?

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son 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 your Son 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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Dear God, you are our Teacher, Creator, and Guide through life's classroom. As we prepare for the beginning of a new school year, we ask your blessings on our students, parents, and teachers.

We thank you for crayons and markers, for all the bright colors in the world around us. May they be used to show the wonder of creation and each child's imagination.

People: Bless the art that they create, and the ones who draw and color with them.

We thank you for notebooks and pencils, that blank pages may be filled with thoughts, stories, and drawings.

People: Bless these things that help keep our thoughts together, and bless the ones who will write and draw.

We thank you for our lunch boxes, filled with food to help our bodies and minds grow strong and mighty. We know that there are children whose lunch boxes are empty, and we pray that their lunchboxes might be filled with good food from caring people.

People: Bless these lunchboxes and the bodies they feed.

We thank you for our backpacks that carry everything we need. Although they may be heavy with school supplies, may the children that wear them be unburdened.

People: Bless these backpacks, and bless the ones who wear them.

Are there other tools to bless today?

We thank you for our teachers, who fill our children's minds with knowledge, who nurture their spirits, and who protect them while in their care. We thank you for our principals, counselors, custodians, nurses, classroom aides, cafeteria workers and bus drivers who take care of our students.

People: Bless these leaders in their sacred work.

We thank you for our parents, grandparents, and other childcare providers who support and encourage their students in all that they do, and who spend countless hours helping with homework, volunteering in classrooms, and driving the carpools.

People: Bless our parents in their sacred work.

We thank you for our students, for the blessing that they are to us. Strengthen their bodies, minds and spirits throughout this school year, that their knowledge might grow and their imaginations soar with new thoughts, new achievements, and new dreams.

People: Bless our students in all that they do, work and play, for it is all sacred work.

In the name of Jesus, the Great Teacher, we pray. And all God's children said, **Amen.**

From Young Clergy Women International, Adapted by Mtr. Lisa

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Nathan Pasko, Sophie Wilson, and Jodean Bridges

Anniversaries: Courtney & Cody Mann

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

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN *One Bread one Body*

John Fofey

Refrain:

G C G C G D Em B7

One bread, one bo-dy, One Lord of all,

Em D G Em A D D7 G C G C

One cup of bles-sing which we bless. And we, though many,

G D Em B7 Em D G Em A D D7 G C¹⁻³ Fine

Through-out the earth, We are one bod-y in this one Lord.

G D 4. G C G C G C G C G

Lord.

Em D Em D

Lord.

Verses:

Gen - tile or Jew, Ser - vant or free,
 Man - y the gifts, Man - y the works,
 Grain for the fields, Scat - tered and grown,

Em F Am D D7

Wo - man or man, no more.
 One in the Lord, of all.
 Gath - ered to one, for all.

To Refrain:

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

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

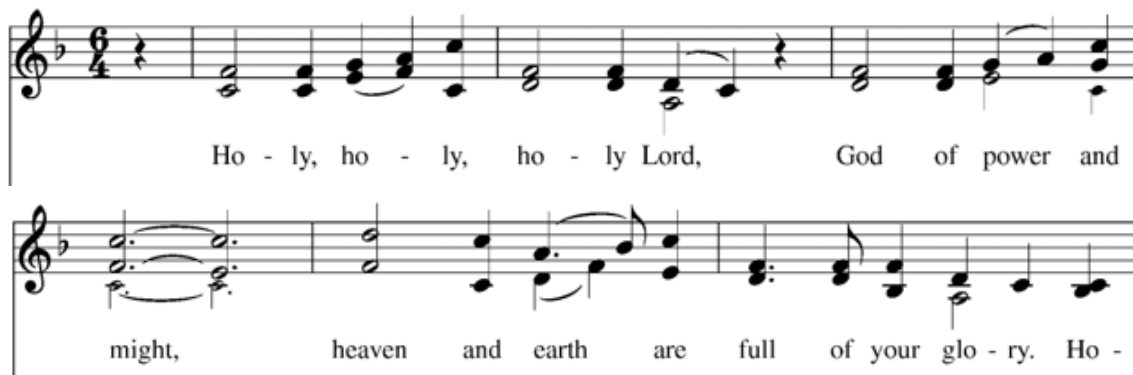
PROPER PREFACE

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

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy (Folk/Pruner)* WLP 858



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one 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.

The Celebrant continues

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.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

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


The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]


COMMUNION HYMN *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Words by Mary A. Lathbury, Alexander Graves (stanza 5);

Music by William F. Sherwin



1. Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
2. Break Thou the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
3. O - pen Thy Word of Truth That I may see
4. Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
5. O send Thy Spir - it, Lord, Now un - to me,



As Thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
That hid with - in my heart Thy Word may be;
Thy mes - sage writ - ten clear And plain for me;
As Thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;
That He may touch my eyes And make me see;



Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek Thee, Lord;
Mold Thou each in - ward thought, From self set free,
Then in sweet fel - low - ship, Walk - ing with Thee,
Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,
Show me the truth con - cealed With - in Thy Word,

My spir - it pants for Thee, O Liv - ing Word.
 And let my steps be all Con - trolled by Thee.
 Thine im - age on my life En - graved will be.
 And I shall find my peace, My All in All.
 And in Thy Book re - vealed I see the Lord.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance,
 you have fed us
 with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us
 with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth
 in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

(source: Celtic)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* Words by Fanny Jane Crosby; Music by William Howard Doane

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 120$ D Bm G D D/A A



1. Je sus, keep me near the cross— there a pre - cious foun - tain,
2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

CHORUS

5 D Bm G D/A A D D



free to all, a heal - ing stream, flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain. In the cross,
There the Bright and Morn - ing Star sheds its beams a - round me.
Help me walk from day to day with its shad - ows o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand, just be - yond the riv - er.

10 G D D/A A D F#/C# Bm G D/A

in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er, Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the

16 A D

riv - - - - - er.

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Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

POSTLUDE *Instrumental*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Collection Downtown Episcopal Outreach (DEO)

Our Special Collection during August benefits the Benedictine Way, a community of all types of Christians (all genders, monks and lay persons) who attempt to follow Jesus in a specific way, a Benedictine way, which included 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 available for individual and group retreats. They also run St. Benedict's Food Pantry which is open every Tuesday from 4-6 pm and most Saturdays. The pantry's food is offered to anyone in need.

In July, we raised \$839.28 for Downtown Episcopal Outreach (DEO). A big Thank You to everyone!

Register for Youth Programming

If you have a child who will be playing in the nursery during the 10:30 AM service, attending Sunday School (Youth 3 years – 12th Grade) or Youth Group on Wednesday evenings (Youth 6th-12th Grades), please update your information by registering your child online using [THIS FORM](#).

NEXT Sunday, August 18 is 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. Join us for a **Combined Service at 10:30 AM on Sunday, August 18**, then meet and greet new faces and old, hear about Sunday School, sign up to provide Wednesday family meals, learn about upcoming programs for the year, and enjoy good food and fellowship after church.

Blood Drive – August 24

Our quarterly blood drive for the summer will be on August 24th. These were started by Amy Churchill at St A's, who decided with the best kind of stubbornness that she was going to make sure that our drives gave back as much blood as her treatments needed throughout the course of fighting cancer. Amy kicked off our drives by hosting parties around them, surprising and delighting our church family, donors from the area, and the Red Cross staff, who have called it the best party they've seen at a drive. Her goal was to give back the amount she had used. We believe that she has done all of that and more in the many blood drives she has hosted!

We have decided that the Blood Drives have become a core ministry for us at St Augustine's, and we'll be continuing them in memory of Amy. If you are able to help with this drive, or have friends who would like to give back to others by donating blood, please join us at St. Augustine Episcopal Church in Elkhorn (285 S 208th St, Elkhorn, NE 68022) Saturday, **August 24**. We would love to beat our previous donation totals in honor of Amy!!

Appointments are scheduled in 15-minute increments (Whole Blood) and on the hour (Power Red). For eligibility requirements and to see the difference between the two donations, or for information on scheduling your donation time, please see our weekly newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact [Kate](#),

Acolyte Training and Parent Meeting

On **Sunday, August 25 after the 10:30 AM service** with invite rising 3rd-12th graders to start their first ministry with St. A's by joining our acolyte program. We will be training new and returning acolytes to serve as Crucifer and torchbearers as well as using the Sanctus bell during our 8:30 AM and/or 10:30 AM services. Please contact Fr. Ben or Pam Wright for more information. Pam will be preparing the schedule, so please let her know of any conflicts between September and December. Individual acolytes should expect to serve several times per quarter.

Parents are welcome to stay and learn the art of being an acolyte too. They may also choose to attend a separate meeting for parents to discuss upcoming Sunday School and Youth Group programming. All Are Welcome! Please join us!

Elaine Randall Book Club

The Elaine Randall Book Club meets at 11:30 AM on the 4th Tuesday of the month. All Are Welcome! In August we have both a fiction and a nonfiction selection for you to choose from: *The Tobacco Wives*, author Adele Myers' debut novel, is the dramatic and emotionally satisfying tale of a promising seamstress who stumbles upon ugly truths in a town dependent upon Big Tobacco; *Zoo Nebraska*, by Carson Vaughn is a true story about small and rural town politics and one man's dream zoo. There are book bags in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, August 27 at 11:30 AM**. Please contact Nancy Vallone or Rhonda Vest with questions.

Sacred Ground Returns

Beginning in September, join us for an 11-week exploration of race and racism in America. This curriculum is often offered over a 20 week time frame, however, our Fall group is being offered on a compact timetable for those with busy schedules. This film- and readings-based dialogue series will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00PM and there will be between 3-5 hours of reading and video preparation between sessions. Mother Lisa and Pam Wright will be co-facilitating. Please contact Mother Lisa to register or with questions.

Thank you from COPE

Thank you to all the "green thumbers" out there who are sharing their excess garden bounty with COPE. Green beans, zucchini, cucumbers and corn so far have found their way into our clients homes. The clients really do appreciate you sharing your fresh produce, as that is something we are not usually able to offer them. In June Cope served 250 households which translated to 932 individuals. Also Thanks to all who donated to the school supply drive. I don't have numbers on that yet, but last year we served 200 children!

Magdalene Omaha Awarded Foundation Community Grant

In April after Outreach hosted Magdalene Omaha with the screening of the Thistle movie, Julie Pendgraft was moved to help. That next Monday at work, she pulled up the application for our Foundation Community Grants. She filled out all the required information, requested \$10,000 and submitted it. She didn't hear anything until June, when she was told it would be on the agenda for discussion to learn more about it and potentially move it forward to a larger group discussion, which it did.

After the larger group discussion, she was tasked with asking Deacon Teresa to give a 15–20-minute presentation to the grant-decision makers. Teresa being Teresa knocked it out of the park! After Teresa hung up from the virtual presentation, the committee voted and awarded Magdalene Omaha a **\$30,000** grant. \$25,000 to be used for the residential program building (timely considering they were having plumbing issues) and another \$5,000 toward their community center for Wednesday night dinners!

The reason to share this story is simple. If you are looking for a way to help – something as simple as checking to see if your company has a foundation that approves grants or matches funds, exists. See where it goes. The worst that can be said is, “No.” But what if you get a Yes? How many people can YOU help this month?

July Vestry Notes

On July 29th, the Vestry (our parish board) held its regular meeting. We approved the June financials, minutes, and capital campaign report. We also reviewed ongoing projects and goals, including:

- updating a parish informational sheet that can be made available to visitors and friends
- creating a call list for Kickoff Sunday in the coming weeks
- inviting "working hours" members of St A's to a Fall evening study and fellowship option
- creating visual comments and reflections about church to help invite new members
- working on stewardship goals with the Finance Committee.

These projects will be continuing into the Fall, so stay tuned!

Please hold our Vestry and church in prayer as we begin these projects and look to the year ahead!

Save The Date

Sunday, August 11	Blessing of the Backpacks
Friday, August 16	Men's Bible Study
Sunday, August 18	Kick-off Sunday Combined Service @ 10:30 AM w/Picnic to follow
Monday, August 19	Daughters of the King
Wednesday, August 21	Youth Group Kick-off
Friday, August 23	Men's Bible Study
Sunday, August 25	Acolyte Training & Parent Meeting (after 10:30 service)
Friday, August 30	Men's Bible Study
Monday, Sept. 2	LABOR DAY (Office Closed)
Wednesday, Sept. 4	Wednesday Family Dinners Kick-off Communion Class (grades 1-5) Episcopal 101 (adults)
Sunday, Sept. 8	Sunday School Begins

Ministers of the Day	This Week 08/11/2024	Next Week 08/18/2024 Single Service @ 10:30 AM
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band	N/A
Musicians 10:30	Dirk Lindner	Mary Norton
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Erin Vest	Pam Wright
Acolytes 10:30am:	Summer Break	Summer Break
10:30 am Greeter:	Jack Ott	Jack Ott
8:30 am Lector:	Bill Smith	N/A
10:30 am Lector	Gabe Early	Pat Zimmerman
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Kathy Lake	N/A
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Vicki Luther	Kathy Pospichal
A/V Tech 8 :30 am	Rich Hill	N/A
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Alice Threlkeld Julie Pendegrift	Dave Wright Jay Hammond