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**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite Two**  
Sunday, September 1, 2024  
8:30 AM


## PRELUDE *Instrumental*

## ENTRANCE HYMN *Lord Be Glorified*

Words & Music by Bob Kilpatrick


♩ = 76 VERSE

D A/C# Bm F#m Em A<sup>sus</sup> A C A<sup>7sus</sup> A<sup>7</sup>



1. In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
2. In my song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
3. In Your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
4. In our home, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;

5 D A/C# Bm F#m Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7sus</sup> A<sup>7</sup> G/A D



In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
In my song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
In Your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
In our home, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## 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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Song of Solomon.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,

bounding over the hills.

<sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle

or a young stag.

Look, there he stands

behind our wall,

gazing in at the windows,

looking through the lattice.

<sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away;

<sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.  
<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.  
<sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.”

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup> O God, who may dwell in your tabernacle; \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, \*  
who speak truthfully from the heart.

<sup>3</sup> There is no guile upon their tongues;  
they do no evil to their friends; \*  
they do not heap contempt upon their neighbors;

<sup>4</sup> In their sight the wicked are rejected, \*  
but they honor those who fear God.

<sup>5</sup> They have sworn to do no wrong \*  
and do not take back their word.

<sup>6</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, \*  
nor do they take a bribe against the innocent.

<sup>7</sup> Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

## **SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

### *The people sit.*

A Reading from the letter of James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN        *Surely the Presence of the Lord***  
**Words & Music by Lanny Wolfe**

♩ = 66

**CHORUS**

D                    F#m                    Gmaj<sup>9</sup>                    Em                    Em<sup>7</sup>

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His might - y

6                    A<sup>7</sup>                    D                    G/D                    A<sup>7</sup>                    D                    F#m

pow - er and His grace. \_\_\_\_\_ I can hear the brush of an - gel's wings I see

11                    Gmaj<sup>9</sup>                    Em                    Em<sup>7</sup>

glo - ry on each face;                    Sure - ly the

14                    A<sup>7</sup>                    Em                    A<sup>7</sup>                    D                    Fine

pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

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## **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*All stand.*

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

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

*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.

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.

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.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

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?

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.

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.

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

*The Priest stands and says*

Lord Jesus Christ you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *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.*

<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:** Dottie Vrbka, Alan Freiberg, and Pat Seals

**Anniversaries:** Holly & Pat Zimmerman

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**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN *Seek Ye First*

H 711

1 D F#m G D

1 Seek ye — first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

G D Asus4 A D F#m

and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be  
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

G D G D Asus4 A7 D

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

*Refrain*

2 D F#m G D

Al - le - lu - ia,

G D Asus4 A D F#m

al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



*Celebrant*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust, and we turned against one another.

*People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

*Celebrant*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

*Celebrant*

And therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.

*The People stand or kneel, then the Celebrant continues,*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*People: 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 *Search Me, O God*

Edwin J. Orr, Maori Melody Arr. by W. Elmo Merce

F B♭ B♭m<sup>6</sup> F C<sup>7</sup>

1. Search me, O God, \_\_\_\_\_ and know my  
 2. I praise Thee, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ for cleans - ing  
 3. Lord, take my life, \_\_\_\_\_ and make it

F F<sup>7</sup> B♭ C<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup>+

heart to - day; \_\_\_\_\_ Try me O  
 me from sin; \_\_\_\_\_ Ful - fill Thy  
 whol - ly Thine; \_\_\_\_\_ Fill my poor

F Dm Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup>+5

Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Word and make me pure with - in; \_\_\_\_\_  
 heart with Thy great love di - vine; \_\_\_\_\_

F B♭ B♭m<sup>6</sup> F C<sup>7</sup>

See if there be \_\_\_\_\_ some wick - ed  
 Fill me with fire \_\_\_\_\_ where once I  
 Take all my will, \_\_\_\_\_ my pas - sion,

way burned self in with and me; shame; pride; Cleanse Grant I me my now from de - sur -  
 ev - 'ry sin and set me free.  
 sire to mag - ni - fy Thy name.  
 ren - der, Lord, in me Thy a - bide.

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

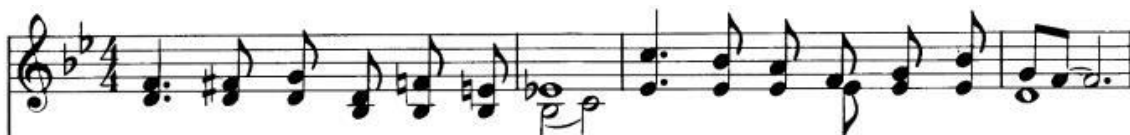
Loving God,  
 we give you thanks  
 for restoring us in your image  
 and nourishing us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
 Now send us forth  
 a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
 that we may proclaim your love to the world  
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Savior; and 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 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*



1. I am weak but thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2. Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;  
*Just a clos - er walk with thee, Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,*



I'll be sat - is - fied as long As I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er To thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.  
*Dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

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## DISMISSAL

*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 for Episcopal Relief and Development**

In September, our Special Collection benefits Episcopal Relief and Development or ERD, the organization within the broader Episcopal Church working for lasting change around the globe. Each year ERD, along with supporters and partners, facilitates healthier and more fulfilling lives for more than 3 million people suffering from poverty, disaster, and disease.

In August, we raised \$490.00 for the Benedictine Way and Incarnation Monastery. A big Thank You to everyone!

### **Lost & Found**

Help us make what once was lost found! We have some coffee mugs, a hat and other items that have been hanging out waiting for their owners above the coat rack across from the kitchen. We are going to collect it all into a tote marked "Lost & Found" and place it under the coat rack in the Narthex (next to the table with the bulletins). Take a peek through it next time your here, and see if any of your stuff needs to head home with you!

### **Tuesday Bible Study**

#### **Noon on Tuesdays, September 3, 10, and 17**

We'll be starting up our Tuesday noon-hour Bible Study again this September! Please feel free to come join us to learn about the Epistle of James in the Bible. We'll talk about the role of the Epistles in the early church, and who James was. These conversations will last about an hour, and you're welcome to bring a lunch or join us over Zoom! (Link will be provided in the coming weeks and will be in the parish online calendar at [www.sainta.net](http://www.sainta.net))

## **Church Family Dinners Resume with a Twist**

Many of you have come to enjoy a Wednesday night dinner here at church over the past year. We've enjoyed them too, so they will be back beginning on **Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 PM!**

This year, we'd like to ask you to help us set up, cook & clean up dinner. Parish Life has set up a sign-up sheet with a basic dinner plan for each evening in the hope that we have members who would enjoy cooking part, or all of the main meal, either here or at home to be brought in. The church can reimburse for food you purchase (we will have a limit per 20 servings). We didn't leave out our friends who can't cook, you can head in early to chop and set up, or stay late for clean up! We really love spending this fellowship time with you, but know it isn't sustainable without a bit of extra help, so please prayerfully consider looking at the sign up and lending a hand. We will add the sign up digitally to the newsletter next week, or you may sign up in person on Sunday at the Kickoff Picnic!

## **Sacred Ground Returns**

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, beginning on **September 5th, from 6:30-8:00 PM**. Materials include both videos and readings to complete in between sessions; materials will be printed as needed for participants. Mother Lisa and Pam Wright will be co-facilitating. Please email Mother Lisa ([lisa@sainta.net](mailto:lisa@sainta.net)) to register.



## **Undie Sunday, September 8**

The members of our small parish are the most generous individuals I have ever had the pleasure to be associated with. I know we seem to be requesting donations to a special need or organization almost every Sunday but I feel our “Undie Sunday” request is something we can do without breaking our budgets. Just by giving up two specialty coffees at Scooter’s Coffee, you can buy a package of underwear. After the hearing the story of the young girl who was discovered to have no underwear on when playing on the DC West School swings, I felt this is something we can help solve by donating new children’s underwear (male/female) to COPE (Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn). I suggested we established a church “Undie Sunday” and Sunday 8th September was selected as the date. We will be collecting for the weeks leading up to the 8th, so bring it in as soon as you can and place in the bin on your left as you walk into the red doors. If you enter through the church hall doors just walk a few more steps and you will see the “Undie” donation bin. Let’s get the bin overflowing. I challenge the youth of St. A’s to get the ball rolling. This is your Junior Garden Steward Jim asking for your help.

## **Elaine Randall Book Club**

The Elaine Randall Book Club meets at 11:30 AM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. All Are Welcome! In September we will be reading *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant. This novel is based on the biblical story of Dinah (in the book of Genesis) but is told by Dinah herself and the women around her. This is a perennial favorite among book groups which may be why no book bag is available this month (the Omaha Public Library has copies of both the book and the audio book, which may be available). Our next meeting is **Tuesday, September 24 at 11:30 AM**. Please contact Nancy Vallone or Rhonda Vest with questions.

## **Blood Drive Thank You**

The church collected 28 units of blood on Saturday. That gives the church a total of 239 units collected! Thank you to everyone who donated! A photo display of the blood drive is on the church's entrance bulletin board.

## **Magdalene Omaha Awarded Foundation Community Grant**

In April after Outreach hosted Magdalene Omaha with the screening of the Thistle movie, Julie Pendegraft 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?

## August Vestry Notes

The Vestry (our parish board) met on August 25<sup>th</sup> for its regular meeting. The Vestry approved our financial reports, including the annual Audit Certificate. The audit includes recommendations to establish a video inventory of parish possessions to update with our insurance carrier, and the creation of a formal manual of our financial management policies and procedures. The Vestry also reviewed several newcomer-invitation projects, including personal testimonials we will begin creating for the website and social media. As official business, the Vestry approved a Finance Committee recommendation to consolidate our banking to AIB (the majority of our accounts are already there; we had previously separated our capital campaign donations to an account at SNB). The Vestry also elected additional members to our delegation to the diocesan annual council in October. Erin Vest was elected at our parish annual meeting in January; the Vestry has elected Barb Hall and Pam Wright to serve as delegates, and Sandra Squires and Dave Wright to serve as alternates this year.

## Save The Date

<b>Monday, Sept. 2</b>	<b>LABOR DAY (Office Closed)</b>
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 3</b>	<b>Noon Bible Study Resumes</b>
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 4</b>	<b>Wednesday Family Dinners Kick-off Communion Class (grades 2-5) Youth Group Episcopal 101 (adults) Canterbury Choir Rehearsal Joyful Noise Rehearsal</b>
<b>Thursday, Sept. 5</b>	<b>Sacred Ground Begins</b>
<b>Friday, Sept. 6</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept. 8</b>	<b>Sunday School Begins</b>
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 10</b>	<b>Noon Bible Study</b>
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 11</b>	<b>Wednesday Family Dinner Communion Class (grades 2-5) Youth Group Episcopal 101 (adults) Canterbury Choir Rehearsal Joyful Noise Rehearsal</b>
<b>Thursday, Sept. 12</b>	<b>Sacred Ground</b>
<b>Friday, Sept. 13</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>
<b>Monday, Sept. 16</b>	<b>Daughters of the King</b>
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 17</b>	<b>Noon Bible Study</b>

<b>Ministers of the Day</b>	<b>This Week 09/01/2024</b>	<b>Next Week 09/07/2024</b>
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30	Cindy Miller	Dirk Lindner
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Erin Vest	Pam Wright
Acolytes 10:30am:	Summer Break	Summer Break
10:30 am Greeter:	Vicky Luther	Vicky Luther
8:30 am Lector:	Alan Freiberg	Mary Jane Smith
10:30 am Lector	Nick Early-Gerjol	Gabe Early
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Charlene Freiberg	Mary Jane Smith
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Barb DiGiovanni	Kathy Pospichal
A/V Tech 8 :30 am	Dave Wright	Rich Hill
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Alice Threlkeld Joe Threlkeld	Rich Hill Jay Hammond