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**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite Two**  
Sunday, October 20, 2024  
8:30 AM

# PRELUDE *Instrumental*

## ENTRANCE HYMN *Bless His Holy Name*

Words & Music by Andraé Crouch

♩ = 84

**CHORUS**

D D<sup>♯</sup>7 A<sup>7</sup>/E A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup>/E D<sup>7</sup>/F<sup>♯</sup>

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is with -

**VERSE**

4 G<sup>2</sup> G Gm(maj7) Gm<sup>6</sup> D/A B<sup>♭</sup>/A A A<sup>7</sup> D D Bm<sup>6</sup>

-in me, bless His ho - ly name. He has done great

9 A Bm/A A A<sup>sus</sup>/B A<sup>7</sup>/C<sup>♯</sup> D Em/D D D/F<sup>♯</sup> D<sup>7</sup>/F<sup>♯</sup>

things, He has done great things, He has done great

**CHORUS**

13 G Gm<sup>2</sup>/E Gm/E D/A A<sup>7</sup> D D D<sup>♯</sup>7

things; Bless His ho - ly name. Bless the Lord,

17 A<sup>7</sup>/E A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup>/E D<sup>7</sup>/F<sup>♯</sup> G<sup>2</sup> G Gm(maj7) Gm<sup>6</sup>

oh my soul, and all that is with - in me, bless His

20      D/A                      B°/A                      A                      A<sup>7</sup>                      D

ho                      -                      ly                      name.

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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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: Job 38:1-7; 34-41**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Job.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>34</sup>“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,

so that a flood of waters may cover you?

<sup>35</sup>Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go

and say to you, ‘Here we are’?

<sup>36</sup>Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,

or given understanding to the mind?

<sup>37</sup>Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

<sup>38</sup>when the dust runs into a mass

and the clods cling together?

<sup>39</sup>“Can you hunt the prey for the lion,

or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

<sup>40</sup>when they crouch in their dens,

or lie in wait in their covert?

<sup>41</sup>Who provides for the raven its prey,

when its young ones cry to God,

and wander about for lack of food?”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b**

<sup>1</sup> Bless the Holy One, O my soul; \*  
O God, how excellent is your greatness;  
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

<sup>2</sup> You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak; \*  
you spread out the heavens like a curtain.

<sup>3</sup> You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; \*  
you make the clouds your chariot;  
you ride on the wings of the wind.

<sup>4</sup> You make the winds your messengers \*  
and flames of fire your servants.

<sup>5</sup> You have set the earth upon its foundations, \*  
so that it never shall move at any time.

<sup>6</sup> You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; \*  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

<sup>7</sup> At your rebuke they fled; \*  
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

<sup>8</sup> They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, \*  
to the places you had appointed for them.

<sup>9</sup> You set the limits that they should not pass; \*  
they shall not again cover the earth.

<sup>25</sup> O Holy One, how manifold are your works; \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>37b</sup> Alleluia!

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN    *The Servant Song (verse 6 ONLY)***  
**Words & Music by Richard Gillard**

♩=74    VERSE

C   Dm/C   C                    F/C   C   G<sup>7</sup>/B   C                    Dm/C   C                    F/C   C   G

1. Broth - er, let me be your ser - vant.    Let me be as Christ to you.  
 2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney.    We are broth - ers on the road.  
 3. I will hold the Christ - light for you    In the night time of your fear.  
 4. I will weep when you are weep - ing,    When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
 5. When we sing to God in heav - en,    we shall find such har - mo - ny;  
 6. Broth - er sis - ter let me serve you,    let me be as Christ to you.

5    F        C/E        Dm<sup>7</sup> C/G    G<sup>7</sup>    Am    F    C/F    Dm/F    F        F/G    G<sup>7</sup>        C

Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 We are here to help each oth - er Walk the mile and bear \_\_\_\_\_ the load.  
 I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long \_\_\_\_\_ to hear.  
 I will share your joy and sor - row Till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 Born of all we've known to - geth - er, of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.  
 Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my serv - ant too.

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**GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45**

*All stand.*

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



<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

*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, Elle, Brendan, Carolyn, Chris, Carol, Jaxon, Jean, Lorraine, Jill, Michael, Roxann, Chloe, Danette, Bob, Deb, Dick, Ben, 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.*

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

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

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Birthdays:** Sherri Durkin and Sam Sedlacek-Horine

## **Anniversaries:**

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

## The Holy Communion

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**


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

### **OFFERTORY HYMN** *O How He Loves You and Me*

**Words & Music by Kurt Kaiser**


$\text{♩} = 80$  VERSE

G C/G D/F# Em G<sup>7</sup> C Gmaj<sup>7</sup>/B



1. Oh, how He loves you and me, \_\_\_\_\_ Oh, how He  
2. Je - sus to Cal - v'ry did go, \_\_\_\_\_ His love for

6 Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G Gmaj<sup>7</sup> Cmaj<sup>7</sup>/G G C/G G Dm<sup>6</sup>/F G/F



loves you and me. \_\_\_\_\_ He gave His life, what \_\_\_\_  
sin - ners to show. \_\_\_\_\_ What He did there brought -

11 C/E Cm<sup>6</sup>/E<sup>b</sup> G/D C/D G/D

more could He give? Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He  
hope from de - spair.

16 C/D G/D Gmaj<sup>7</sup>/B C Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G<sup>SUS</sup> G

loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me. \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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.

### *The Celebrant continues*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*People: Glory to you for ever and ever*

### *Celebrant*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People: By your will they were created and have their being*

### *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*

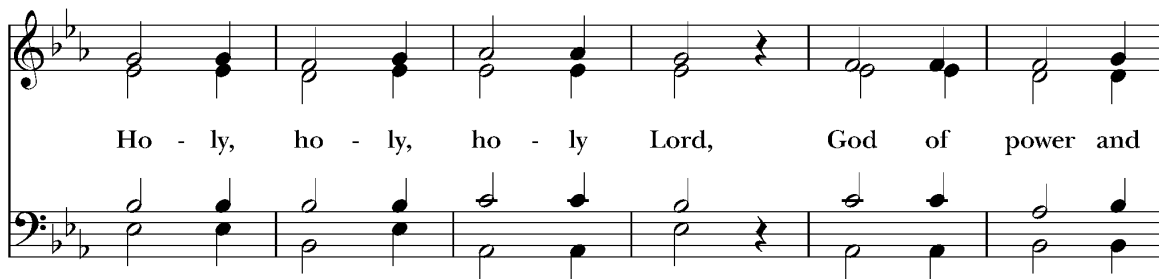
And therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



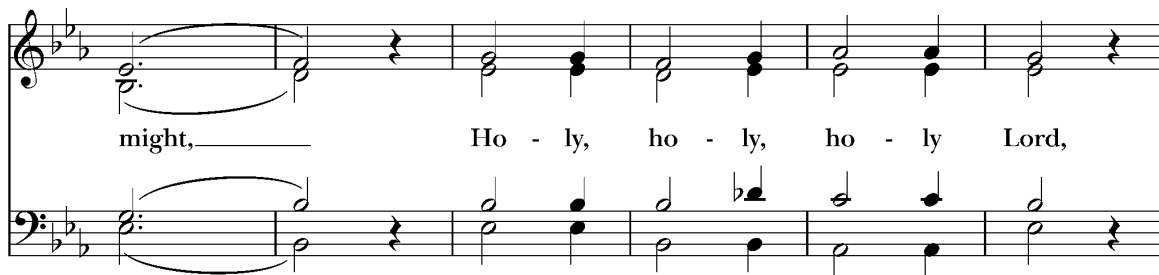
# SANCTUS

## *Holy, holy, holy*


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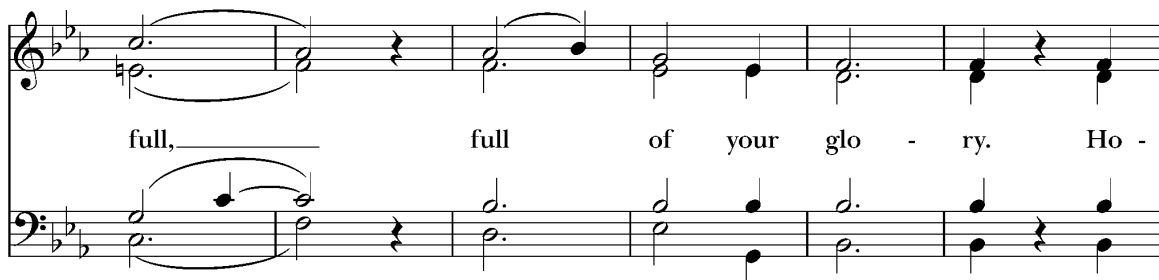
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he 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

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 -



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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 As I Am*

Charlotte Elliott

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy  
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a-bout with man-y a  
 3. Just as I am, poor, wretch-ed, blind; sight, rich-es,  
 4. Just as I am, thou wilt re-ceive; wilt wel-come  
 5. Just as I am, thy love un-known has

blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
 con-flict, many a doubt; fight-ings and fears with-  
 heal-ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
 par-don, cleanse, re-lieve; be-cause thy prom-ise  
 ev-ery bar-rier down; now to be thine, yea,

come to thee. O Lamb of God. I come. I come.  
 in, with-out  
 thee to find.  
 I be-lieve.  
 thine a-lone.

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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

### **NEW DATE: Fall Garden Cleanup!**

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to Noon**

Please join us on Saturday morning, **October 19<sup>th</sup>**, to help clean up and take care of our beautiful gardens around St Augustine's. You're welcome to come early or join later and work for an hour or the morning with us. Garden Steward Jim Keepers will have jobs for all skill levels and ages, from picking up sticks to weeding and pruning to shoveling, carting, and spreading mulch around our plants. There will be snacks on hand for helpers!

Want to help, but not available that morning? Contact Jim at [jlkeepers45@gmail.com](mailto:jlkeepers45@gmail.com). Youth needing service hours can submit time sheets to Jim or Kate Kielion.

### **Special Collection for Magdalene Omaha**

In October, our Special Collection benefits Magdalene Omaha, a community of survivors of sexual violence and allies, originally modelled on Thistle Farms in Nashville, TN. Officially founded in 2016, Omaha Magdalene launched their New Beginnings Campus in 2019. Services expanded in 2021 with the creation of Tamar's Pantry, a personal items pantry serving survivors and other nonprofits. The Magdalene Omaha Community Center (930 S. 48<sup>th</sup> St.) opened in 2023. Through all this Magdalene Omaha has offered personalized support for survivors of sex trafficking as they seek freedom from violence, trauma, and addiction.

In September, we raised \$780.00 for Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). A big Thank You to everyone!



## **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 October we will be reading Joe Starita's *A Warrior of the People* about Susan La Flesche, America's first Native American doctor. La Flesche earned her medical degree in March of 1889, more than three decades before women could vote or Native Americans were recognized as citizens of the United States. She spent the rest of her life caring for and working to improve the lives of indigenous people including the 1,244 who would become her patients. A book bag is available this month (NB: Starita is donating all the royalties earned from purchases of this book to a scholarship fund he created for Native American high school graduates). Our next meeting is **Tuesday, October 22 at 11:30 AM**. Please contact Nancy Vallone or Rhonda Vest with questions.

## **Seeking Vendors for Magdalene Market!**

Join us for St. Augustine's 2nd Annual Magdalene Market!

**December 8, 2024 from 9:30 am-4:00 pm**. Be sure to make your list and check it twice! You'll find gifts for all ages at our handmade craft fair! We are looking for vendors and shoppers! All booth proceeds and food/drink sales will be donated to Magdalene Omaha. Please go to our website to for more information and to register as a vendor! <http://www.sainta.net/magdalene-market.html>

## **Wreath Orders**

Merry Christmas! What, it's not that time yet? Maybe not. What it is time for is ordering your Holiday wreaths and/or greenery. Prices are the same as last years and all proceeds will be donated to Beyond Celiac in support of Celiac disease research. Order Forms are available in the Narthex. Please return them to the church office by **Sunday, November 3!**

## **Wednesday Evening Family Dinner Help Needed**

Our Wednesday evening dinners and programming are off to a great start! Thanks to everyone who has pitched-in to help make them a success. We recently updated the sign-ups to include meals through the end of the calendar year. Please see our newsletter or the paper sheets in the Parish Hall to sign up to help during Wednesday Dinners. There are a variety of ways to volunteer. We love having new people join us to lend a hand! Please let us know if you have any questions about dinner or programming this fall.

## **Our Stewardship Drive for 2025**

Sundays in October

This month, we're paying special attention to planning for the coming year, including our annual parish stewardship drive. Each week, we'll focus on how we can make pledges of Treasure, Time, and Talents to God and our church here at St Augustine. Speakers will go over details of each theme, and a mailing will go out the week of October 7<sup>th</sup> with our pledge cards. The cards are a chance to update our directory information, and renew a commitment of time we commit to our church and ministries, talents we feel called to use together this coming year, and financial treasure given in thanks to God and for the work of the church and the outreach partners we help to fund. The mailing will also include a letter from Richard Krueger, our Finance Committee chair, and an FAQ page explaining our pledging. This year, there is also a graph tool that we're asking everyone to use together to help discern our strength to meet our parish's budgeting needs for the year ahead while maintaining our programs and giving to outreach partners. Please join us in praying for our church together and discerning how we can support the mission and ministry of St A's.

## **Annual Council**

Each year, the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska gathers delegations from each parish for common prayer and communion, keynote addresses and speakers, and voting on formal offices and budgets for our diocese. This year, our delegation includes Erin Vest, Pam Wright, Barb Hall, Sandra Squires, Dave Wright, and Fr Ben, Mtr Lisa, and Dcn Rebecca as our clergy. Please pray for our Annual Council as they gather from **October 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>** in the coming weeks.

## **Save the date for COPE's first every Little Black Dress Event**

### **Girls Night Out!**

Tickets will be available soon for the Little Black Dress Event **on October 24** at A Venue on the Ridge (20033 Elkhorn Ridge Dr, Elkhorn, NE 68022) from **6:00 to 9:00 PM**. Aimed toward the ladies, and evening of appetizers, drinks and basket auction. The Basket auction opens at Noon on Sunday, October 20 and will be concluded at the event. Check our weekly newsletter for the auction link. (Saint A's has 4 baskets in the auction !!) Only a limited number of tickets will be available, so make your plans now. Contact Rhonda Vest for details.

## **Noon Bible Study for October and November**

### **Tuesdays at Noon**

Thanks to everyone who participated in our September Tuesday Bible Study on the Letter of James! Many who attended voiced gratitude that it connected to our Sunday morning lectionary (the schedule of weekly readings), so Mtr Lisa and Fr Ben have decided to continue that connection in October and November.

**October:** Paul's Letter to the Hebrews. This letter from Paul to early Hebrew communities is important both for how its theology and witness describe Jesus within the vision of previous scriptures as a high priest and messiah, and because it raises lots of questions — from then and now — about how followers of Jesus and the continuing Jewish tradition relate to each other.

Mother Lisa will be leading these classes on **October 1st, 8th, 15th, and 29<sup>th</sup>** (skipping the 22nd for the meeting of the Elaine Randall Book Club).

**November:** the Book of Ruth. The Hebrew Bible ("Old Testament") book of Ruth is the story of a widowed foreigner who cares for her family, and becomes an ancestor of the line of David. We'll discuss this window into both human relationships of its time and how God draws leaders and saviors from among the unexpected. Fr Ben will lead classes on **November 5th, 12th, and 19th.**

### **Boo Bash Youth Halloween Party Wednesday, October 30, 5:45 PM**

Calling all thrill-seekers and taco lovers! Get ready for a spooktacular night of fun and fright as our youth group transforms the Parish Hall and Sunday School Rooms into the ultimate Halloween extravaganza!

We'll have a Costume Party and Haunted Happenings Activities: Face Painting, Crafts, Games, and more! Feast: Dive into our Taco Bar Delight Bonfire: Toast S'mores and share spooky tales by the fire Special Attraction: Enter the "Scary Story Room" if you dare!

Bring your family, bring your friends, and brace yourselves for a night of ghoulish delight! Costumes are a must, and bravery is optional in the "Scary Story Room." Let the hauntingly good times roll! See you there, if you dare!

## **Remembering All Saints**

**On Sunday, November 3rd**, we'll join with Episcopal churches and others throughout the world in celebrating the Feast of All Saints (which is actually November 1st). This is a chance to remember the faithful in every generation. In particular at St Augustine's, we make a remembrance of loved ones in our own lives, especially those who have modeled faith to us in all the different ways God helps us see grace through one another.

We have taken up a practice of writing the names of loved ones on smooth stones (sharpies and stones will be available at worship that morning), and bringing these tokens forward to place on the altar before the Eucharist, as a part of the celebration of the mystery by which we are gathered together at the communion table with all of God's children from every time and place. This is a great chance to reflect on who has modeled different aspects of faith to us, and a good opportunity to talk with children before that service about resurrection and memory.

## **Save the date for St. A's Murder at the Chili Cook-off Mystery Party**

Get ready for a sizzling night of suspense and spice at *Chills & Thrills: Murder Mystery and Chili Cook-Off!* As the tantalizing aroma of secret chili recipes fills the air, a chilling crime unfolds. Guests will compete to win the coveted title of Best Chili while also piecing together clues to solve a puzzling murder. Was it the competitive chef with a fiery temper, or the charming stranger with a hidden past? Everyone's a suspect—and the heat's on in more ways than one. Join us for a night of mystery, delicious chili, and a dash of danger!

Join us for an evening of Murder Mystery, fellowship, fantastic food, and friendly competition. Desserts and Drinks will be provided by the Parish Life Committee, ensuring a delightful experience for everyone.

Interested in starring in the murder mystery (don't worry - you don't have to memorize your lines!) email Julie at [virtualofficejulie@gmail.com](mailto:virtualofficejulie@gmail.com)

The fun happens on **November 10th beginning at 5PM!**

### **Interested in Making Chili for the Cook-off?**

Whether you're a seasoned chef or a kitchen maverick, we want you to showcase your chili prowess. Sign up individually or assemble your dream team for a chance to claim the coveted traveling chili trophy. Themes and costumes are optional but highly encouraged for an extra dose of FUN! Sign up individually or as a team by contacting [Kate](#). Don't miss out on the gastronomic event of the year!

### **Visit with a Veteran – Bench Dedication**

Following the 10:30 AM service on **Sunday, November 10**, we invite everyone to join us in our Hitchcock Memorial Garden as we dedicate our new benches and recognize the service of members of our parish and the wider community who served or are serving in the military.

## September Vestry Notes

Our Vestry (the parish board) met on September 15th. We reviewed our regular financial reports and minutes from the August meeting. Some notable details: **Julie Pendegraff** has stepped back as our Outreach Committee Chair as she anticipates a busy fall of family activities, and **Gabe Early** has stepped in as an interim Chair until our Annual Meeting. Please thank Julie as you see her, for all the work she's helped lead over her time as Outreach Chair! Our treasurer, Maggie Wellman, also reported out that — after Vestry approval in August — we will complete moving our capital campaign financing fund from Security National Bank to an account at AIB (where our other accounts are held) — while it was "best practices" to keep our loan accounts separated from our general accounts while managing a commercial note with SNB, this consolidation will ease admin and accounting for us going forward. The Vestry also reviewed ongoing projects around our website and some welcome materials, and upcoming events and projects for the fall including outreach offerings, our stewardship campaign details, and Wednesday evening programs. We also discussed that we are in a season of many visitors, who we are welcoming to our church family.

## Save The Date

<b>Sunday, Oct. 20</b>	<b>“Talent” Sunday</b>
<b>Monday, Oct. 21</b>	<b>Daughters of the King</b>
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 22</b>	<b>Elaine Randall Book Club (NO BIBLE STUDY)</b>
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 23</b>	<b>Wednesday Family Dinner Communion Class Youth Group Episcopal 101 Canterbury Choir Rehearsal Joyful Noise Rehearsal</b>
<b>Thursday, Oct. 24</b>	<b>Sacred Ground</b>
<b>Thurs., Oct 24 – Sat. Oct. 26</b>	<b>Annual Council Hastings, NE</b>
<b>Friday, Oct. 25</b>	<b>Men’s Bible Study</b>
<b>Saturday, Oct. 26</b>	<b>Fall Garden Clean-up</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 27</b>	<b>Stewardship Ingathering</b>
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 30</b>	<b>Boo Bash!</b>
<b>Sunday, November 3</b>	<b>All Saints Day celebrated</b>
<b>Sunday, Nov, 10</b>	<b>Veteran’s Bench Dedication Murder at the Chili Cook-off Mystery Party</b>
<b>Sunday, November 24</b>	<b>Advent Wreath Making</b>
<b>Thursday, Nov. 28</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING</b>



<b>Ministers of the Day</b>	<b>This Week 10/20/2024</b>	<b>Next Week 10/27/2024</b>
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30	Gilbert Ward	Claire Eason
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Jim Lewis	Pam Wright
Acolytes 10:30am:	Cash Stubbendieck Truman Stubbendieck Jerry Aguilar	Danica Suhr Gage Suhr Nathan Pasko
10:30 am Greeter:	Mike Ehinger	Mike Ehinger
8:30 am Lector:	Kathy Lake	Alan Freiberg
10:30 am Lector	Gabe Early	Jean Lahti
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Kathy Lake	Mary Jane Smith
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Kathy Pospichal	OPEN
A/V Tech 8 :30 am	Rich Hill	Dave Wright
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Erin Vest Joe Threlkeld	Ali Threlkeld Joe Threlkeld