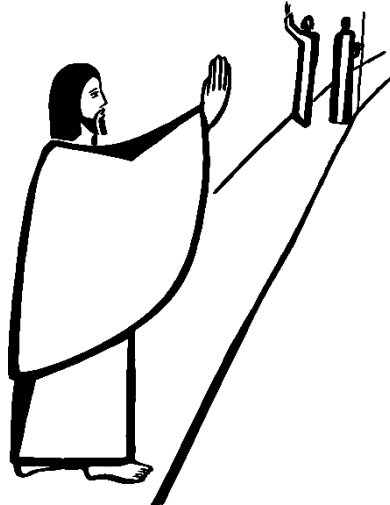




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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, July 7, 2024
8:30 AM

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

ENTRANCE HYMN *Mighty Is Our God*

Words & Music by Eugene Greco, Gerrit Gustafson, & Don Moen

♩ = 152

CHORUS

G G/B C C/D D G G/B C



Might - y is ___ our God, ___ might - y is ___ our King; .
 Glo - ry to ___ our God, ___ glo - ry to ___ our King; .

4 Cmaj⁷ D G G/B Em D/E Em Am⁷ C/D D G



— Might - y is ___ our Lord, ___ Rul - er of ev - 'ry - thing; .
 — Glo - ry to ___ our Lord, ___ Rul - er of ev - 'ry - thing; .

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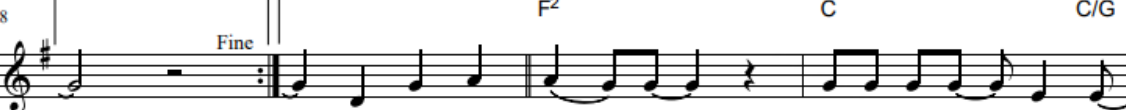
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VERSE

F²

C

C/G



— His name is high - er, ___ high - er than an - y oth -

12

G

F²



- er name; His pow'r is great - er, ___ for

15 C/E Cmaj⁷ D C/D D.C. al Fine



He has cre - at - ed ev - 'ry - thing.

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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.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 5:1-5, 9-10

The people sit.

A Reading from the Second book of Samuel.

¹All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, “Look, we are your bone and flesh. ²For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.”

³So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David

king over Israel. ⁴David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

⁹David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. ¹⁰And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 48

¹ God is great and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is the holy hill.

² Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great Sovereign.

³ God is in its citadels; *
God is known to be its sure refuge.

⁴ Behold, the monarchs of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.

⁵ They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.

⁶ Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

⁷ As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the God of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God has established it for ever.

⁸ We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.

⁹ Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.

¹⁰ Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.

¹¹ Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about it; *
count the number of its towers.

¹² Consider well its bulwarks;
examine its strongholds, *
that you may tell those who come after:

¹³ This God is our God for ever and ever *
and shall be our guide for evermore.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

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

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *His Strength is Perfect*
Words & Music by Steven Curtis Chapman & Jerry Salley

CHORUS

16 D G G^{2sus} G G/A Am⁷ D C/D G Em

— His strength is per - fect when our strength is gone, He'll car - ry

21 G/A Am G D/F# Bm/F# F#m^{7(b5)} Dm/F E⁷ F#m^{7(b5)} E/G#

us when we can't car - ry on. _____ Raised in His

25 Am⁹ Am Cmaj⁷/G D/F# D#^{o7} B/D# Em Em/D C#m^{7(b5)}

pow - er, the weak be - come strong. _____ His strength is

29 G/A Am D⁷ C/D D⁷ Am/G G

per - fect, His strength is per - fect. _____

32 1. G^{2(no3)} G G/D

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GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

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

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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, Hayden & family, Joey, Sadie, Evelyn, Irene, Barbara, Marge, Christian, Jami, Susie, Marilyn, Donna, Norma, Ann, Bill, Laura, Elle, Brendan, Carolyn, Chris, Carol, Jaxon, Jean, Lorraine, Jill, Michael, Roxann, Chloe, Danette, Bob, Deb, and Amy & her 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.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Courtney Mann, Ella Pollard, Catrina Lake, Truman Stubbendieck and Garrett Crichton

Anniversaries:

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

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

OFFERTORY HYMN *Pass It On*

Words & Music by Kurt Kaiser

♩=100

VERSE

D F#m G

1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire
 2. What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are
 3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that

4 A D F#m

go - ing, and soon all those a - round can
 bud - ding. The birds be - gin to sing, the
 Ive found. You can de - pend on Him, it

8 G A D G

warm up to its glow - ing; That's how it is with
 flow - ers start their bloom - ing. That's how it is with
 mat - ters not where you're bound; Ill shout it from the

12 D/F# Em7 A7 F#m Bm

Gods love, once youve ex - per - i - enced it: You
 Gods love, once youve ex - per - i - enced it: You
 moun - tain - top, I want my world to know: The

15 Em7 D/F# G A7 D

spread His love to ev - ry - one, you want to pass it on.
 want to sing, its fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
 Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the soprano voice, with accompaniment in the piano. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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 *Amazing Grace* (Sing to the melody of "House of the Rising Sun")

JOHN NEWTON



1. A - maz-ing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re-lieved; How
3. Thro' man - y dan-gers, toils and snares, I have al-read - y come; 'Tis
4. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've



once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be-lieved!
grace hath bro't me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first be - gnn. A-men.

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 *God Bless America*
Words & Music by Irving Berlin

God bless A - merica, land that I love;
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the moun - tains to the pra - ir - ies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless A - mer - i - ca, my home sweet home,
God bless A - mer - i - ca, my home sweet home.

God bless A - merica, land that I love;
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the moun - tains to the pra - ir - ies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless A - mer - i - ca, my home sweet home,
God bless A - mer - i - ca, my home sweet home.

My home sweet home.

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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 Downtown Episcopal Outreach

Every Wednesday, volunteers from the cathedral and nearby Episcopal churches prepare a delicious lunch to distribute at various encampments downtown. It's our way of offering good food and fellowship to our neighbors, particularly those who are food insecure and don't always have access to food.

In June, we raised \$923.99 for Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn (COPE) Tornado Relief. A big Thank You to everyone!

Summer Office Hours Just a reminder that beginning Monday, June 3, our office hours will be 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Mondays – Thursdays

Pride Mass at Trinity Cathedral

Wednesday, July 10 at 7pm CT / 6pm MT

Trinity Cathedral (**113 N. 18th St., Omaha**) is excited to host their Third Annual Pride Mass on **Wednesday, July 10 at 7pm**. As in years past, the Trinity Cathedral Choir will be joined by the River City Mixed Chorus in leading music for the service. All are welcome to a joyful celebration of the Holy Eucharist as we welcome and affirm the LGBTQ+ community as children of God and celebrate their leadership in the church and world. The service will also be livestreamed on Trinity's [YouTube Channel](#).

Pride Singers Opportunity!

If you would like to help sing in the Trinity Cathedral Pride Mass on **Wednesday, July 10**, you can arrive there at **5:30 PM** for warm-up and rehearsal – all singers welcome; the service is at 7:00 PM.

Pride Mass at St A's!

Thursday, July 11th, 6:30 pm

This year, in addition to opportunities to join our diocese at the downtown parade and Trinity Cathedral's annual mass, we're going to hold a Pride Mass at St Augustine's. This celebration is a way of living out our baptismal covenant's vow to "Respect the Dignity of Every Human Being," (you can find the vows on page 305 of the Book of Common Prayer!), and to take one particular moment in the year to celebrate people who have often been excluded and harmed by church communities in other times, or often still are in other places today. In the face of that exclusion, we will offer the simple tools of our steady faith: readings from scripture, preaching and teaching about God's love and hope for us, and the feast of Christ's sacramental Eucharist table, with our usual broad invitation that all who feel called by the Spirit may come forward and receive Holy Communion or a blessing. You are certainly welcome to bring friends for whom this service might be particularly meaningful.

It's Camp Canterbury!

Campers should arrive **Monday, July 15 at 3:00 PM** and pick-up is **Friday, July 19 at Noon**. Adults interested in being counselors should contact Fr. Ben. Please keep camp in your prayers as we prepare for another great year!

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 July we have two selections for you to choose from: *My Name is Lucy Barton*, a short but powerful novel about love and complex relationships by author Elizabeth Strout and *Stiff*, an oddly compelling nonfiction selection from author Mary Roach that explores the strange lives of cadavers over the last two millennia. There are book bags in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, July 23 at 11:30 AM**. Please contact Nancy Vallone or Rhonda Vest with questions.

St. A's Night at the Storm Chasers

We hope you can join us on **Friday, August 9** for St. A's night at the Storm Chasers! It will be a great way to keep summer going, even though school is just starting. First pitch is at 7:00 PM and there will be fireworks after the game! As an added bonus, it's one of the Storm Chasers most popular games of the year as they play the Omaha Corn Chaser, so there will be lots of promotional giveaways!

Tickets are \$16 each. You don't have to be a member of St. A's to attend, so invite family, friends, and neighbors! Please see our weekly newsletter for the link to our reservation form. Once you have your spot(s) reserved, payments can be made by cash or check at St. A's any Sunday in June or July. We never want to be a barrier to participation, if you (and/or your family) need help to attend this event, please let us know by emailing minis-tries@sainta.net

Support Youth Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

Katelyn Ellsworth is taking a mission trip with our diocese to the Dominican Republic in July. She is raising funds after today's service during coffee hour. She is selling "stocks" on her trip for \$25 each. To buy a "stock", she needs your phone number, name, email, and a check for the amount of money or donating directed to James and Rebecca Ellsworth. By buying these "stocks", you become a "shareholder" in her trip. In August, the kids who go on the trip prepare a Dominican meal, and share pictures and stories. The "shareholders" who purchased "stocks" are invited to this event.

Education for Ministry Online

The Diocese of Nebraska offers Education for Ministry (EfM), a 4-year study for adults, meets for 36 meetings per year via Zoom. This Zoom-based group serves primarily Western and West Central Nebraska plus churches that do not have an EfM group. The co-mentors are Sandra Squires (Sandra.k.squires76@gmail.com) and Tammy Lassen (kittykat-lassrn64@gmail.com) The day of group meetings will be announced once our group is formed. The cost for a full year of tuition is \$355 or about \$10 per session. Individuals are responsible for buying their own books, but a Reading and Resource Guide for EfM is included in tuition costs. Anyone with questions can ask Sandra or contact her at the above email or by phone at 402-536-9781.

Veterans' Bench Update

Visit with a Veteran has reached its goal!

Thanks to the generous support from St. Augustine's and our community, Peter Rygg has received his goal to raise \$5,000 for the purchase, installation, and dedication ceremony for two Veterans benches for St/ A's Hitchcock Memorial Garden and Prayer Walk as a place where veterans and non-veterans can gather to share time and stories with one another and the youth of our community.

Peter's next steps will be to purchase the benches and organize the dedication ceremony, which will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2024 after the 10:30 AM service. Everyone is welcome to attend, and all St. A's veterans are asked to contact Jim Keepers so you can be invited to the bench dedication. Please include rank and branch of service.

Thank you to everyone for your support of this project!

Thank you from COPE

Thank you so much for your continued support of COPE. Your donations of money, items and volunteer hours mean so much. In April Cope served 764 individuals making up 205 families. Cope is free to anyone living in our service area which can be found on the website, copeinfo.org. Feel free to tell anyone you know about our services, and if you ever want to know more, anyone at the office would be happy to give you a tour.

Hitchcock Foundation Grant

Jim Keepers, St. A's Garden Steward, is pleased to announce that St. A's has received a 2024 Hitchcock Foundation Garden grant for \$5,000. These funds can only be spent on the garden items specified in the original grant proposal which was submitted last November and awarded in June. The grant allows us to accomplish specific actions to improve the church's grounds that we would not have been able to do because of this year's budget limitations.

A special thanks goes out to Dave Randall and Mark Chaves for assuming the duties of church lawn mowers and Jim Pearson for taking care of the water feature and the trimming around all the beds, trees and the north fence in the garden. Thanks also to Mary Mullen-Ferzely for volunteering to become the church's official Wednesday "Stick Picker Upper" with the help of Mike, that special person in her life. Thanks also to those you donated Hostas and perennials for the garden beds this spring. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated, especially Jim's wife Trish, who is always ready to pull weeds and help clean up after shrub pruning.

June Vestry Notes

On June 9th, our Vestry met for a special meeting that covered quite a bit. In addition to our regular review of financial reports, the Vestry:

- Elected Hannah Early as our Clerk for the year
- Heard about the beginning of a staff review process that is being conducted with help from parish member Mike Mullen.
- Reviewed our current staff-insurance arrangements in particular detail
- Reviewed our committee leadership needs both at present and over the coming 12 months

The Vestry also brainstormed and selected some specific goals:

- Hold an Instructed Eucharist on Sep 22nd (explain each part of the service as we go)
- Create a mailer and call list at July Vestry to invite both regular and less-frequent members to Kickoff Sunday on August 18th
- Create a for-the-public trifold flyer about our church by July Vestry for events like blood drives and new member packets
- Hold a meeting in July/August to plan Bible Study and class opportunities for working-people, led by Carrye Fassero, Hannah Early, and Pam Wright
- Hannah Early will present a plan at July Vestry about video/written testimonials about our church
- Parish Staff will meet this summer to review and create a plan for Wednesday evening programs across all ages over the Sep 2024 - May 2025 program year

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

Save The Date

Wednesday, July 10	Pride Mass @ Trinity Cathedral
Thursday, July 11	St. A's Pride Mass
Friday, July 12	Men's Bible Study
Saturday, July 13	Omaha Heartland Pride Parade (DioNeb)
Sunday, July 14	Vestry Meeting
Monday, July 15	Daughters of the King
Mon., July 15 - Fri., July 19	Camp Canterbury
Friday, July 19	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday, July 23	Elaine Randall Book Club
Friday, July 26	Men's Bible Study
Monday, August 5	Daughters of the King
Friday, August 9	Men's Bible Study St A's Night at the Storm Chasers
Friday, August 16	Men's Bible Study
Sunday, August 18	Kick-off Sunday
Monday, August 19	Daughters of the King

Ministers of the Day	This Week 07/07/2024	Next Week 07/14/2024
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30	Claire Eason	Gilbert Ward
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Pam Wright	Pam Wright
Acolytes 10:30am:	Summer Break	Summer Break
10:30 am Greeter:	Kathy Pospichal	Kathy Pospichal
8:30 am Lector:	Bill Smith	Kathy Lake
10:30 am Lector	Jean Lahti	OPEN
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Kathy Lake	Mary Jane Smith
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Kathy Pospichal	Vicki Luther
A/V Tech 8 :30 am	Dave Wright	Rich Hill
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Day Wright Erin Vest	Julie Pendegraft Alice Threlkeld