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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, July 14, 2024
8:30 AM

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

ENTRANCE HYMN *Come Now is the Time to Worship*

Words & Music by Brian Doeksen

♩ = 98 **CHORUS**

D D^{SUS} D



Come, now is the time _____ to wor - ship. _____

5 A Em G



Come, now is the time _____ to give _____ your _____ heart. _____

9 D D^{SUS} D



Come, just as you are _____ to wor - ship. _____

13 A Em G Last time to Coda ⊕



Come, just as you are _____ be-fore _____ your _____ God. _____

VERSE
17 D G D



Come.

1. One day ev - 'ry tongue will con-fess _____ You are God. _
2. Will - ling - ly we choose to sur-ren - der our lives. _

21 G D G

One day ev - 'ry knee ___ will bow. ___ Still, the great-est treas-ure re-mains _
 Will - ing - ly our knees ___ will bow. ___ With all our heart, ___ soul, ___ mind, _

24 Bm G A D.C. al Coda

___ for ___ those ___ who glad - ly ___ choose _ You now. ___
 ___ and ___ strength _ we glad - ly ___ choose _ You now. ___

ENDING

♩ Coda

28 D

Come. Come. Come,

33

just as you are, _____ come. Come.

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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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

The people sit.

A Reading from the Second book of Samuel.

¹David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ²David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uz-zah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. ⁵David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

^{12b}So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen

ephod. ¹⁵So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

¹⁶As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. ¹⁸When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, ¹⁹and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 24

¹ The earth is God's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is God who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Most High, *
and who can stand in God's holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the Holy One *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation.”

6 Such is the generation of those who seek God, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors, *
and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.

8 “Who is this who reigns in glory?” *
“The Holy One, strong and mighty,
the Holy One, mighty in battle.”

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors, *
and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.

10 “Who is this who reigns in glory?” *
“This is God, the God of Hosts,
who reigns in glory.”

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

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

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us
in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he
chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blame-
less before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through
Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his

glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Change My Heart oh God*

Words & Music by Eddie Espinosa

♩ = 80 CHORUS 1a

Cmaj⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ G^{SUS} G C

Change my heart, oh God. ___ Make it ev - er true. ___

5 Cmaj⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ G^{SUS} G C

Change my heart, oh God. ___ May I be like You. ___

VERSE

9 E^{sus}/B E Am⁷ Dm⁷ G C
 You are _ the pot - ter. I _ am the clay.

13 E^{sus}/B E Am⁷ D^{sus} D G^{sus} G
 Mold me _ and make ____ me. This is what I pray. _

CHORUS 1b

17 Cmaj⁷ Em⁷ Dm⁷ G^{sus} G C
 Change my heart, oh God. _ Make it ev - er true. _

21 Cmaj⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ G^{sus} G C
 Change my heart, oh God. _ May I be like You. _____

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GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁴King Herod heard of [Jesus and his disciples,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead;

and for this reason these powers are at work in him.”¹⁵ But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.”¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.”

²³And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Reverend Lisa Aguilar

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, 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: Adam Heller, William McClure, Don Hoes, Bill Lake, Bob Alf, Ann Jessop, and Jason Staack

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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Words by Ray Palmer & Music by Lowell Mason

♩=96

VERSE

C G C G G/B C G



1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2. May Thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3. While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold sul - len stream,

5 C G/D D G C



Sav - iour di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my
 be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - iour, then, in love fear and dis -

10 Am F C/E C F G C



guilt a - way, O let me from this day be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from Thee a - side.
 -trust re-move, O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

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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.

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)

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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



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 *We Are So Blessed*

Words by Gloria Gaither; Music by William J Gaither & Greg Nelson

♩ = 76

VERSE

F/G G⁷ C Em/G C⁷ B^b/C C⁷



1. We are so _____ blessed by the gifts from Your
 (2. We are) so _____ blessed by the things You have

4 F C/E Dm⁷ C/G Am⁷ D⁹ Bm/D D⁷



hand- I just can't un - der - stand _____ why You've loved us so
 done, the vic - t'ries we've won, _____ and what You've brought us

8 G⁷ F/G G⁷ C Em/G C⁷ B^b/C C⁷



much! We are so _____ blessed- we just can't find a
 through! We are so _____ blessed- take what we have to

12 F C/E Dm⁷ C/G D⁷ G⁷



way, or the words that can say, _____ "Thank You, Lord, for Your
 bring, take it all, ev - 'ry - thing, _____ Lord, we bring it to

CHORUS

16 C B^b/C C⁷ F C/E Dm⁷



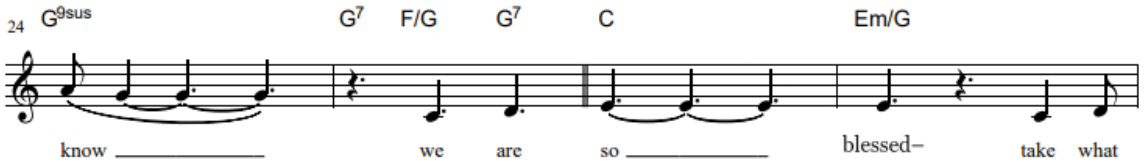
touch." When we're emp - ty _____ You fill us _____ 'til we o - ver -
 You.

20 C B^b/C C⁷ F D⁷ Am⁷/D D⁷



-flow; When we're hun - gry _____ You feed us _____ and cause us to

24 G^{9sus} G⁷ F/G G⁷ C Em/G



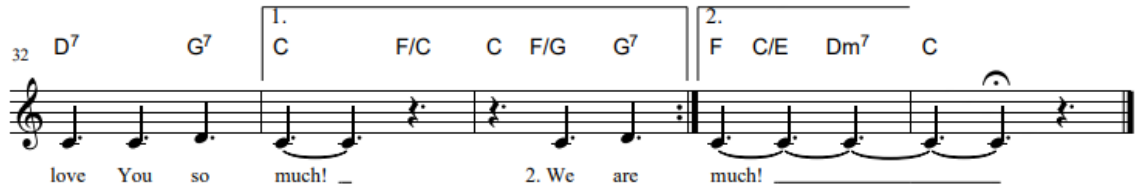
know _____ we are so _____ blessed- take what

28 C⁷ B^b/C C⁷ F C/E Dm⁷ C/G



we have to bring, _ take it all, ev - 'ry - thing- _____ Lord, we

32 D⁷ G⁷ 1. C F/C C F/G G⁷ 2. F C/E Dm⁷ C



love You so much! _ 2. We are much! _____

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

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

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

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

(source: Celtic)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Come Thou Fount* Words by Robert Robinson; Music by John Wyeth

♩ = 80

VERSE

G⁷ C G C F C G⁷ C G⁷

1. Come, Thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; Hith - er by Thy help I'm come; And I
 3. O, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be! Let Thy

5 C G C F C G⁷ C C Em F

mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise: Teach me _ some me - lo - dious
 hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home: Je - sus _ sought me when a
 grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to _ wan - der, Lord, I

10 F/C C C Em F C G⁷

son - net, sung by _ flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the
 stran - ger, wan - d'ring _ from the fold of God; He, to
 feel _ it, prone to _ leave the God I love; Here's my

13 C G C F C G⁷ C

mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, Lord, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

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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

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 ministries@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.

Backpack Blessing

Most local school districts will be back in session in the next few weeks and most college students return to class soon! To send our youth and adult learners off for a year of knowledge, wonder, and exploration, please bring your backpacks to church **Sunday, August 11th to either service**, for a special blessing.

August 18 is Kickoff Sunday!

A tradition at St Augustine's, we combine our worship services and throw a big party afterwards! This is a chance for a full homecoming for the Fall. Join us for on **Combined Service at 10:30 AM on Sunday, August 18**, then meet and greet new faces and old, hear about Sunday School and programs for the year, and enjoy good food and fellowship after church.

Blood Drive – August 24

Amy Churchill, who most of you know as a beloved member of our parish living with metastatic breast cancer, is hosting a blood drive at St Augustine in Elkhorn (285 S 208th St, Elkhorn, NE 68022) on **Saturday August 24th**. Available appointment times are between **9:00 AM and 3:00 PM**. She shared this on her Facebook page last year, and we thought we would share it with you as one last push to fill 16 slots for our drive:

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

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

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

Education 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.

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.

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!

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

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
Friday, August 2	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
Sunday, August 11	Blessing of the Backpacks
Friday, August 16	Men's Bible Study
Sunday, August 18	Kick-off Sunday Combined Service @ 10:30 AM
Monday, August 19	Daughters of the King
Friday, August 23	Men's Bible Study
Friday, August 30	Men's Bible Study
Monday, Sept. 2	Labor Day
Wednesday, Sept. 4	Wednesday Family Dinners Resume
Sunday, Sept. 8	Sunday School Begins

Ministers of the Day	This Week 07/14/2024	Next Week 07/21/2024
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30	Dirk Lindner	Mary Norton
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Pam Wright	Erin Vest
Acolytes 10:30am:	Summer Break	Summer Break
10:30 am Greeter:	Kathy Pospichal	Kathy Pospichal
8:30 am Lector:	Kathy Lake	Erin Vest
10:30 am Lector	Pam Wright	Kathy Pospichal
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Mary Jane Smith	Judy Tomanek
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Vicki Luther	Carol Ott
A/V Tech 8 :30 am	Rich Hill	Dave Wright
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Julie Pendegrift Alice Threlkeld	Sophia Messineo Julie Pendegrift