

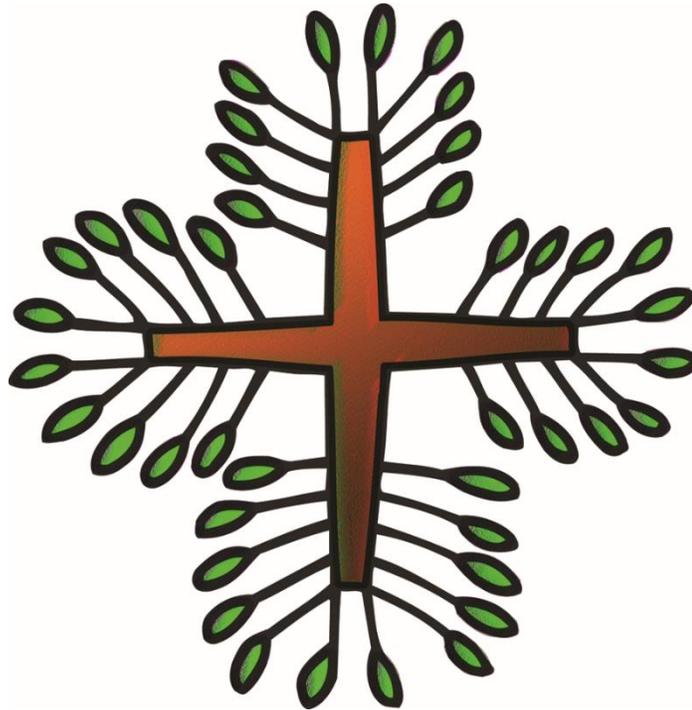


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Fifth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, May 2, 2021
8:30 AM

ENTRANCE HYMN

Glorify Thy Name

Verse 1

Father we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Verse 2

Jesus we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Verse 3

Spirit we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

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 The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

 "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
 and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
 so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 22:24-30

Remain seated.

²⁴My praise is of you in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek you shall praise you: *
“May your heart live for ever!”

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.

²⁷For yours is the royal power, O GOD; *
you rule over the nations.

²⁸To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before you.

²⁹My soul shall live for you;
my descendants shall serve you; *
they shall be known as yours for ever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that you have done.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

The people sit.

A Reading from the First letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God

abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

He is Exalted

Verse

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high

I will praise Him

He is exalted forever exalted

And I will praise His name

Chorus

He is the Lord

Forever His truth shall reign

Heaven and earth

Rejoice in His holy name

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high

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GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Rev. 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.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For *Michael* our Presiding Bishop, and *Scott* our Bishop; and for all
bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. For Elaine, Nancy, John V., Connie, Jamie, Kobe, Hayden, Dick, Pat G., Amy, Paige, Bailey, Norma, Byron, Sharon, JoEY, Helen, Jim, Danielle, Susan, Devon, Bill, Harold, Heather, Amelia, Melissa, David, Karen, Tom, Paul, Carolyn, Ginny, Linda, Joe, Sharon, Norm, Joey, Bob, Tom, Heidi, Marjorie, Carole, John and Recia. Are there any others who need our prayers?

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

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 AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Rhonda Vest, Jennifer Pasko, and Jill McClure

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

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Nearer My God to Thee

Verse 1

Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me
Still all my song shall be nearer my God to Thee
Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee

Verse 2

Though like the wanderer the sun gone down
Darkness be over me my rest a stone
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer my God to Thee
Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee

Verse 3

There let the way appear steps unto heav'n
All that Thou sendest me in mercy giv'n
Angels to beckon me nearer my God to Thee
Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee

Verse 4

Then with my waking tho'ts bright with Thy praise
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise
So by my woes to be nearer my God to Thee
Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee

Verse 5

Or if on joyful wing cleaving the sky
Sun moon and stars forgot upward I fly
Still all my song shall be nearer my God to Thee
Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee

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The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord 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

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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 ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the people (who remain in their seats).

The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

COMMUNION HYMN

Seek ye First

Verse 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

Verse 2

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia

Verse 3

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you
Allelu alleluia

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia,
alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

I am a Pilgrim

I am a pilgrim and a stranger
Traveling through this wearisome land
And I've got a home in that yonder city, good Lord
And it's not (good Lordy it's not) not made by hand

I got a mother, a sister and a brother
Who have gone to that sweet home
And I am determined to go and see them, good Lord
Over on (good Lordy over on) that distant shore

As I go down to that river Jordan
Just to bathe my weary soul
If I could touch but just the hem of His garment, good Lord
I believe (good Lordy I believe) that it would make me whole

Now when I'm dead, laying in my coffin
All of my friends all gather round
They can say that he's just laying there sleeping, good Lord
Sweet peace (Lordy sweet peace) his soul is found

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Pentecost Celebration – Sunday, May 23rd, 10:30 am

Bring your lawnchair for church on the lawn! Facebook Live stream available as well at <https://www.facebook.com/st.augustine.omaha>

On Pentecost Sunday, we'll have a special combined worship service for our whole church community at 10:30 am. We will gather for a communion service on the front lawn at 10:30, with a brief time of coffee and pastry fellowship after the service. Pentecost is a celebration sometimes called the "birthday of the Church" because of the presence of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, and this year will be a chance for us to celebrate our church home at St Augustine's. This service will also include a chance to offer a prayer over Fourth Year pledges to our capital campaign (see separate announcements over the coming weeks). We will be keeping masks on for the service and encouraging them after when not enjoying coffee and pastries.

Schedule for Pentecost Sunday:

8:30 am	Volunteers gather to help with setup for music and worship
10:30 am	Church service with Ingathering of Fourth Year pledges
11:30 am	Coffee fellowship on the lawn

Please RSVP for In-person Services!

Services will be held at **8:30 AM and 10:30 AM**. Because of limited capacity in the Sanctuary, we are asking those who would like to attend one of these services in person to [pre-register online](#). For those who choose not to attend, we will continue to stream our 10:30 AM service on Facebook Live. Please see our weekly e-newsletter for more information.

Online Coffee Fellowship

Join members of the St. A's family on Zoom **Today at 11:30 am (following this service)** for an interactive online social hour.

Sunday School

Sunday School has been meeting every week via Zoom. We will be switching to half Zoom/half in-person after Easter to test out a new Sunday School time. With services switching to 8:30 & 10:30 AM, we are left with a great time in-between service to have Sunday School so that children from both services can join, and teachers can attend an entire service! Sunday School in person will be held from 9:45-10:20 AM.

First Sunday Offering for MAY

In May, we will be collecting funds to benefit the **Downtown Episcopal Outreach**. Every Wednesday, volunteers from the cathedral and nearby Episcopal churches prepare a delicious lunch that's open to the public, free of charge. It's our small way of offering good food and fellowship to our neighbors, especially those who don't always have access to food or shelter. Guests enjoy a sit down experience, a free full service meal, and good conversation. If participating in the First Sunday Offering, please write DEO on the memo line of your check and mail your check early so that it is received by **May 7!**

Elaine Randall Book Club

In May, we will be reading *It Can't Happen Here* by Sinclair Lewis. We will meet at the regular time of **11:30 am Tuesday, May 25** via Zoom.

Website Updates:

Over the past year, we've used the parish website to communicate and coordinate much more of our regular weekly worship schedule. We are in the process of giving the website a "face lift" so that the home page returns to being a cleaner "front door" for visitors and newer members, while a single button and link take us to a page with all of the information for worship signups and the weekly bulletin. We hope everything will still be very clear and simple, but please reach out to Director of Ministries Kate Kielion at ministries@sainta.net if you have questions or need help finding something!

Annual COPE Classic Golf Outing

COPE provides services to families for rent, utilities, furniture, clothing and food pantries. Due to COVID-19 your support is more important than ever in allowing COPE to continue the good work of assisting families in our community. One fun way to support COPE is to participate in the annual **COPE Classic Golf Tournament** scheduled for **May 7, 2021**.

Register online at copeinfo.org/news-events/copeclassic/

The Skyline Ranches Cross Country Run

Registration is now open for this a cross-country run/walk on the beautiful, private horse trails of the Skyline Ranches neighborhood just south of Elkhorn NE IS BACK! After taking last year off due to COVID, we are excited to return to the beautiful Skyline park and trails. This run has had many changes over the years, but some things have stayed the same... including - the course always getting harder, the original mission to raise money to give back to the community. Since 2012 there have been 1300 participants who have helped raise over \$25,000.

Featuring individual 5k/10k, 1/2 Marathon

There are also kids distances of .3 miles and .6 miles and a one mile that the entire family can walk or run.

Date: Saturday Sept. 4th, 2021

Location: Skyline Ranches Park - Omaha, NE

Start Times: 8:00 am - 1/2 Marathon & 10k, 8:10 am - 5k, 10:00 am Kids Run and Family Walk

For more information, or to register, use this [link](#)

**In-Person Services (with Virtual Option) to Carefully Return:
Partial-Occupancy Services at 8:30 and 10:30 am, beginning Sunday,
April 11th – details below.**

Recently, we've seen virus rates drop below the diocesan guideline that allows for in-person worship on Sundays:

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As a reminder, the 7-day average needs to remain below 20, but we are in the orange on it for now, which is very heartening news. We are going to offer the following initial plan for returning to worship.

Safety Practices

Masks, Social Distancing, and seating by family bubble will continue to be required, even for those who are vaccinated. Vaccination is strongly encouraged for all members; please ask Fr Ben if you have questions about the church's practices or the moral questions around vaccines. Please be aware that at present, we are using an outdoor port-a-potty as our bathroom facility while our indoor facilities are being re-done. We believe many people will want to wait until they are vaccinated or until later this year to return, but if we have strong enthusiasm, we may ask people to alternate weeks in attending to keep our numbers to a safer margin.

We will have 2 in-person worship opportunities on Sundays. This timing should allow our ministers to be fully vaccinated by our return, and allow time for our audio/visual streaming technology to be fully installed in the sanctuary, eliminating some trip hazards and clutter.

8:30 am: a service of up to **40 people** plus ministers (advance sign-up required). Praise Band music. This service will NOT be broadcast via Facebook Live.

9:30 am: a prep and cleaning time; we will be asking people to depart from the sanctuary after the previous service.

10:30 am: a service of up to **40 people** plus ministers (advance sign-up required). Organ music. This service will be broadcast via Facebook live.

This schedule keeps our cleaning needs to a minimum, and also allows us to use this remaining construction time to experiment with a two-service Sunday, which might give us the opportunity for a true Formation Hour between the two services, which could be used for everything from coffee-hour fellowship across our times to parish meetings and events to ongoing classes. This seems like an appropriate moment to try this possible schedule out.

Holy Communion

We will begin celebrating weekly Eucharistic services again, rather than Morning Prayer. These will involve only the hosts (bread) and not, at present, a common cup. I will reiterate a call for people who would like to receive communion at home, and if needed, train Lay Eucharistic Ministers to make those visits. We will continue to have safety practices around preparing communion.

Acolytes, Lectors, Altar Guild

We will be evaluating our liturgical ministries one by one, but at present are not restoring them fully. The hope is to begin carefully adapting and returning these elements of our worship as we think through issues of care, safety, and the ministry of each, so stay tuned and please check in with Kate and Fr Ben about your ministry in the coming weeks!

Singing

At present, we don't have enough clarity about how best to safely add singing back into our indoor worship services. We will continue to review best practices, medical advice, and technology possibilities, and hope to add choral music back in at some point to both services. While it won't immediately be a part of our programming, we will continue to actively work towards it.

Communications

While our hope is that transmission rates continue to decline and vaccines make everyone safer, a sudden surge in transmission or cases or other medical realities may require us to return to virtual worship in the future. If we do, we will attempt to make that call by the preceding Thursday so that the news can be shared via the weekly e-mail (sign up by contacting Jay Hammond at parish@sainta.net), as well as on our website and Facebook page.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Update for 4-22-21

Our project is continuing strong!

This past week has seen most of the interior insulation put into the framing walls, and drywall has begun going up. We're beginning to see the interior room shapes emerge. A major technical component was completed: our power was switched over to the new electrical closets and the old panel (which was in the middle of our main hallway) was removed, showing the new, wider hallway, which will allow us much easier "traffic flow" from our sanctuary to the parish hall.

Our exterior work includes putting the new septic "leech field" in (a set of pipes and materials), and staking and grading for the new parking lot area, which will be expanded to the north side of our space. We should see a concrete pour soon. We also have some new plumbing staked to get water service out near Morgan Hall's new location and the rain garden feature. The rain garden is a code-required part of our site, and helps create a space for drainage and natural water runoff. It will also have some planting to it, so having water near there will allow us to more easily maintain this new part of our garden.

We are also using this opportunity to replace some paneling and siding that was damaged by water over time, and we will be having a concrete subcontractor look at a slight buckling in our front walkway – these are repairs that we can do efficiently right now with our contractors on site and oriented to our spaces, and represent good stewardship over time. In general, we aren't adding to the cost of the build by doing this, but are using other funds that are already directed towards such repairs, so this is simply good stewardship of an efficient opportunity.

Finally:

I tend to be cautious about announcing firm numbers, because in construction they tend to shift. However, our contracting partner has done well by us and we currently are showing some real contingency funds remaining, as well as

an on-schedule projection of receiving our certificate of occupancy by the beginning of August. There remain some variables to the build, and the CO (certificate of occupancy) inspection will depend in part on the city, but these are strong signs that MCL is working hard to keep us on track and within budget, and it's a credit to their experience and the early work they did planning expenses. We are also aware that we took our "leap of faith" at a very opportune time, as lumber prices have gone up very significantly this year, and our costs were locked in by our contract last year. We have much to be grateful for with our build.

As always, please feel free to reach out to Fr Ben with questions or comments at rector@sainta.net!

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Ministers of the Day	This Week 05/02/2021	Next Week, 05/09/2021
Musicians 8:30am:	Ali Threlkeld, Joe Threlkeld	Ali Threlkeld, Joe Threlkeld
Musicians 10:30am:	Sally Hodges Laney Pendegraft	Sally Hodges
Celebrant:	Rev. Benedict Varnum	Rev. Benedict Varnum
Deacon:	David Holmquist	David Holmquist
Liturgical Shepherd:	Pam Wright	Pam Wright
Chalice:	N/A	N/A
Acolytes 8:30am:	N/A	N/A
Acolytes 10:30am:	N/A	N/A
10:30 am Greeter:	N/A	N/A
8:30 am Lector:	Bill Smith	Pam Wright
10:30 am Lector:	Jean Lahti	OPEN
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Angie Gallegos	Angie Gallegos
Altar Guild 10:30 am:	Angie Gallegos	Angie Gallegos
Sunday School	9:45 Outside	Virtual
Coffee Hour	Virtual	Virtual

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