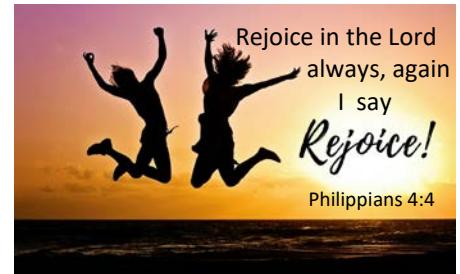
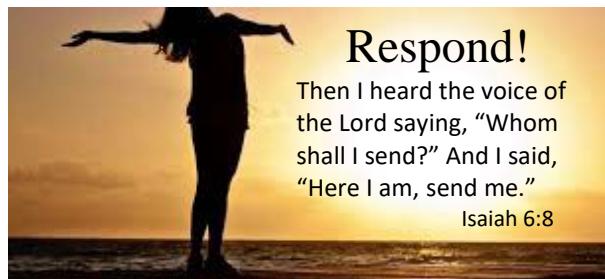


*St. Thomas Church  
Anglican - Episcopal*



**November 21, 2021  
10 a.m.  
Last Sunday after Pentecost:  
Christ the King**

PRELUDE

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Instrumental

*Celebrant*    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People*        **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***Celebrant*

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.**

## PRAYER – A LITANY OF GENEROSITY

Extravagantly generous God give us generous hearts to share whatever gift it is that you have given to us.

**Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

To acknowledge you as the giver of all good gifts...

**Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

To give without counting the cost...

**Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

To share without expecting something in return...

**Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

To be wise in the way of caring for ourselves and others...

**Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

To hold all of our treasures and values with open hands...

**Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

To have gospel priorities and to align our life, love and time in their light...

**Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

To be gracious and unbegrudging in our giving...

**Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

To recognize the abundance of blessings in each passing day...

**Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

To know the freedom that comes with true extravagant generosity.

**Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

To fall more deeply in love with the God of all generosity so that our hearts are strong enough to give away freely whatever is asked.

**Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

Loving God, who so generously lavishes our lives with goodness, create in our hearts a deep center of gratitude, a center that grows so strong in its thanksgiving that sharing freely of our treasures becomes the norm and the pattern of our existence. Remind us often of how much you cherish us, of how abundantly you have offered gifts to us, especially in the hours of our greatest need. May we always be grateful for your reaching into our lives with surprises of joy, growth, and unearned love. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 132:1-13

1 Lord, remember David,  
and all the hardships he endured;

2 **How he swore an oath to the Lord  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:**

3 “I will not come under the roof of my house,”  
nor climb up into my bed;

4 **I will not allow my eyes to sleep,  
nor let my eyelids slumber;**

5 Until I find a place for the Lord,  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

**6 “The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah;  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.**

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place;  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.”

**8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place,  
you and the ark of your strength.**

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;  
let your faithful people sing with joy.

**10 For your servant David's sake,  
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.**

11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David;  
in truth, he will not break it:

**12 “A son, the fruit of your body  
will I set upon your throne.**

13 If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE SECOND READING      Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

## *People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

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

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests

have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.      *People*    **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## CHILDREN SERMON

### THE SERMON

Fr. Ralph Osborne

*Want to participate in the Post-Sermon Conversation? Share a Comment or Ask a Question on Facebook or Youtube OR Send a text to (920) 383-1878*

### PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES

Instrumental

### THE NICENE CREED

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**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

BCP pg. 392

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, Godfrey, Bishop of Masvingo, Matt, 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.

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

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

*Silence*

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*

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*

*Celebrant 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.**

## ABSOLUTION

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### OFFERTORY

Instrumental

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*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 him thanks and praise.**  
*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

*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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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* **Christ has died.**

*and People* **Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant*  
*and People* **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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## INVITATION TO VISUAL COMMUNION

see end of bulletin

## COMMUNION CHORAL ANTHEM *“Song of Thanksgiving”* by Don Whitman

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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*Celebrant* 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 your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
Be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

*Celebrant* The Blessing of God Almighty Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## RECESSATIONAL HYMN

Instrumental

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE

Instrumental

**INVITATION TO VISUAL COMMUNION** - In the medieval western church, a common practice was “ocular communion” or communing visually with Jesus in the Sacrament. This was done, for a variety of reasons, most of the congregation would reverence the Sacrament in place of physically receiving it. It is similar to what we do when we do Adoration and Benediction at the Eucharistic Festival or the Vigil before the Sacrament many of us keep Maundy Thursday. During this time of physical distancing when we are not able to gather in community to share in the Eucharist we invite you to visually contemplate and commune with Jesus in the Sacramental Bread. Here are a couple of prayers to assist you.

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

(Alphonse Liguori)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

(Prayer Book for the Armed Services)

**The following anniversaries** of members of our Parish Family will be remembered.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021 TO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2021**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 21 Kristen Keating
- 22 Hailey Stielow
- 24 Sarah Lindley
- Kelsey Howard
- 25 Lance Olsen
- Pat Lamkins
- 26 Katie Pribnow
- 27 Gayle Varner
- Channa Levine

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

No Commemorations

### **FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

- 21 Lucile Sanborn
- 22 Earl Stahl
- 23 Clare Powers
- 24 Sarah Riste
- Frances Martin
- Katie Lee Peterson
- 25 Carol Kluba
- Bill Thompson
- 26 Clarence Stitzel
- Gertrude Hanson
- 27 Edna Robertson

### **MISSION PARTNER LINKS**

Double Portion with Calvary Bible Church/  
St. Patrick's Church  
Betsy Hake - Honduras  
The Revs. Allen/Rachel Hill  
Mothers' Mercy Home - Kenya

### **MISSION PRAYER LINKS**

- African Medical Mission
- Boy Scouts Troop 3
- Cub Scouts Pak 3003
- Carmen & Rosa and the San Lucas UCC - Chicago
- Gideon Bible Distribution Ministry
- Bishop Todd and The Rev. Patsy McGregor - Madagascar
- Fr. Ian/Polly Montgomery - (SAMS)
- Wisconsin Kairos Prison Ministry

### **SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

- Auston Allen - Air Force
- Kyle Cooper - Army National Guard
- Mary Danner-Jones - Air Force
- Claire Kopczynski - Army National Guard
- James Kopczynski - Army National Guard
- Bruce McRae - Army Reserve
- Don Patrick - Army Reserve
- Humberto Puga - Navy
- Andrew Shaffer - Army
- Mark Sopkiw, Jr. - Army
- Matthew Verich - Navy

### **DEPLOYED**

- Clint Kupari - Army
- Foreign Diplomats:
- Steve Hendrix

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*Flowers on the High Altar today are given to the Greater Glory of God and in memory of Miles and Martina Doffman and Henry and Eva Wilhelm by Lou and Carol Wilhelm.*

In the wider Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of Bangladesh. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the ministries and people of Holy Apostles, Oneida; Mashava Church District, Masvingo. In the St. Thomas Cycle of Prayer we pray for Adult Development including Adult Education, Bible studies, Cursillo, Men and Women's Ministry and Welcome/Hospitality including Coffee Hour, Fellowship Camp, Senior Lunch, Welcome Ministers, and St. Martha's Guild.

# Announcements

Office Hours – The office hours are Monday – Friday from 9:00-3:00 p.m.

Altar Guild members needed - This important ministry involves duty just once a month. You will work with a team that will instruct and guide you. Please call Bev Johnston if you'd like to join.



Wednesday Communion  
In the Chapel at St. Thomas  
1:00PM  
Please enter using the steeple doors

## Re-commit, Re-spond, Re-joice

Stewardship Sunday is **TODAY, November 21<sup>st</sup>**. It is that time of year when we re-commit ourselves to giving from our blessings and re-spond to God's prompting to give to others and the church. In this time of continued pandemic and uncertainty, we can trust in a God who walks with us. It is a time to re-joice in God's goodness and steadfast love.

God is still at work in the world and we continue to be his hands and feet. One way you can contribute to God's mission is through prayer and giving financially. You have been faithful in your giving in 2021 and we are deeply grateful. Please prayerfully consider a pledge for 2022.



Thanksgiving Service, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Please mark this date on your calendar and begin your Thanksgiving with Eucharist Wednesday evening. We encourage you to come and celebrate with your church family as there is so much to be thankful for.

If you didn't get a chance to pick up a **UTO (United Thank Offering)** envelope last week, they are available in the pews and boxes are at the church entrance. Contributions to the **UTO**, a giving program open to all churches in dioceses and provinces of the Anglican Communion, are used for programs that help provide wells for villages, health clinics, in cities, aid to bishops that need a means of transportation to the far reaches of their diocese and enhancement of local programs. If making a check, please make the check out to 'St. Thomas Church' with 'UTO' in the file line.





## WMHI - 2021 Christmas Gift Giving Project

Christmas time is upon us! For many years, St. Thomas has given generously to the Winnebago Mental Health Institute. Please consider sending a check to WMHI to spread Christmas cheer this year. Some of the ways in which money from the Patient Events Trust Fund is spent include "enhancing treatment programs and groups and supplying bingo prizes, discharge care packages, birthday gifts, and of course holiday gifts." Thanks for your generosity!

Checks can be made out to: Patient Events Trust Fund #20

Checks can be mailed to:

Winnebago Mental Health Institute  
Attn: Volunteer Services  
PO Box 9  
Winnebago, WI 54985

## WMHI Caroling

Hello! In lieu of in-person caroling this year, the Winnebago Mental Health Institute asked if we would be capable of pre-recording a Christmas caroling program for the residents this year. So, on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, please join us after the service to record some Christmas songs. We will serve pizza at 11:30 and will do a quick run-through and sound check of the program in the church beginning at 12:15. We will record the program using our Livestream equipment immediately following the rehearsal and it will be made available to the residents at WMHI to spread some holiday cheer. Singers must be vaccinated and we will maintain social distancing while making music together. If you plan on joining us, please RSVP to Laura Rothe at 920-915-6043 or [laura.lessonsbylaura@gmail.com](mailto:laura.lessonsbylaura@gmail.com). Thanks in advance! Invite your friends!



## Christmas Eve Music

Greetings! If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument for either of the Christmas Eve services, please contact Laura Rothe by December 10<sup>th</sup> at 920-915-6043 or [laura.lessonsbylaura@gmail.com](mailto:laura.lessonsbylaura@gmail.com).

We will have a singers-only rehearsal on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30. I anticipate the rehearsal lasting approximately 1.5 hours. So please bring a snack for yourself if this is your normal lunch hour.

We will have a full rehearsal for singers and instruments on 12/24 from 2:00-3:30 with a short break before robing up for the 4:00 service. Services are at 4:00 and 10:30 pm.

Singers and wind instrumentalists must be vaccinated and we will do our best to space ourselves out in the loft.

I am looking so forward to making music with you again in person this year! Peace to you and yours - Laura

## Youth Ministry ([WWW.STYG.COM](http://WWW.STYG.COM))

Junior & Senior High Youth Group (6-12 gr.) – It's time to look ahead to the NEXT Sunday Youth Group gathering which will take place on Sunday, December 12 from 11:30AM - 1:00PM. We will be gift wrapping Toys for Refugee Kids. You can donate new toys if you wish or you can also donate wrapping paper, tape, bows, ribbon, etc. Our goal is to wrap up at least 50 or more new toys to be donated to area organizations working to help with the refugee crisis in our area. We'll have lunch for all those who volunteer but the most important thing is doing the very thing the scriptures tell us to do (Deuteronomy 10:19, Leviticus 19:34)

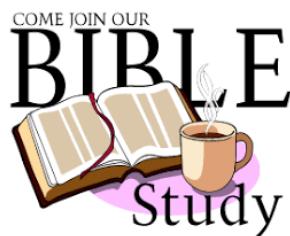
**D-Groups Are Back** – After a summer like none other, D-Groups return to their regularly scheduled time and place. ☺ Every Wednesday, all current 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited and welcome to hang out in the Youth Room at St. Thomas from 6:15-8:00pm. D-Groups are all about togetherness, community, loving one another, sharing our lives, prayer, fun, laughter, scripture, and more . . . all of it in the Name of Jesus (of course). If you've ever wanted to be a part of "something" bigger than yourself, D-Groups just might be it... and it could be the best "something" you've ever been a part of! Check out the D-Groups website for more info [www.styg.com/d-groups](http://www.styg.com/d-groups)



FILM SCHOOL 2021 – It was a LOOOONG break but we started Film School back up and it's SOOOO good to know that Film School Is Back!! All 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us at 9am on Sunday mornings for a time of movies, conversation, and spiritual formation. Yes, read Acts 17 to find out how using items from pop culture can lead people to know more about God and Jesus ☺ You can see the list of films we'll be doing this fall over at

[www.styg.com/filmschool](http://www.styg.com/filmschool)

## Adult Development



COME JOIN OUR  
**BIBLE** Study

Conversations on Scripture

**Meeting Sundays** - hosted virtually & also accessible if you are in person and bring your phone or computer with you to church

**9-9:55am**; Zoom link will be published in the weekly emails and on the website

**Facilitator:** Jill Beverlin

We discuss the scripture lessons assigned for each Sunday through the written word, art, music and personal testimony. All are welcome! No prior Bible knowledge required. We engage in large group and small group conversation about faith and life and how we might see God in and through all things. Discussions are approached through these core beliefs: EACH INDIVIDUAL is Beloved of God, Gifted by God, and Invited by God into God's work of loving and healing the world!

This class is hosted online. That said, you may also join if you attend church in person. Simply bring your phone or tablet or lap top and a pair of headphones to connect. We can't wait to meet you!

Questions or concerns? Email Jill Beverlin: [jilljbeverlin@gmail.com](mailto:jilljbeverlin@gmail.com)

## **Worship**

Altar Flowers – There are openings on the High Altar on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to contribute flowers in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special occasion, or in thanksgivings for something, please call Carol Wilhelm, 920-470-9599. The cost of flowers: High Altar, \$35 (each vase)

Readers for 8am & 10am - With us being able to meet in person again, we are looking for you to help with the readings at the 8:00AM & 10:00AM service on a regular schedule. You will need to be fully vaccinated. Please let Sandie in the office know if you are interested in doing this. Our intention is for you to read one Sunday a month.

## **Pastoral Care**

THE REIGN OF PAIN LIES MAINLY IN THE BRAIN – Research now confirms: The brain constructs all pain as a protective mechanism via neural pathways. Stress and emotions activate the danger/alarm mechanism and a pain/fear/pain cycle may ensue. A significant proportion of pain is brain induced. MRI findings are often not correlated with pain. Pain is a message: Its purpose is protection and safety. The two common methods of dealing with pain are trying to ignore it or kill it. Communicate with the messenger! The intention of the messenger is protection and survival. The more responsive you are, the quieter the message. When you are in PAIN you can go to my REDUCTION OF PAIN Podcast on the St. Thomas website at [www.johnhpeterson1941.podbean.com](http://www.johnhpeterson1941.podbean.com)

Specialized Pastoral Counseling at St. Thomas – NOW IN PERSON. This counseling is specialized in that it will meet the need of anyone looking to be able to clear and optimize the way their mind works. It is fast and effective with many of life's problems including anxiety, depression, grief, low self-esteem, relationship issues, substance abuse, obsessions, compulsions, anger, resentment and self-destructive behaviors. When a person has a problem or an issue that needs to be addressed there are two ways to approach it. One way is "outward" when one aims at changing the outward circumstances. Another way is "inward" when one aims to change how one perceives the situation in their mind. It is this second way, the "renewing of the mind" that is the pathway used for this healing. Call Fr. John Peterson for an appointment at 920-725-5601.

## Outreach/Missions

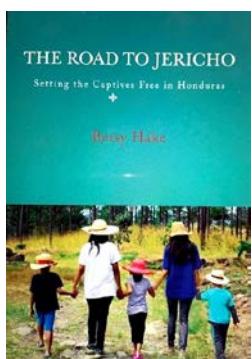


**Scrip Program: Proceeds benefit the Mission Scholarship Fund (sending missionaries and bringing our mission partners here).**

The Christmas shopping season is right around the corner. It's not too early to think about giving scrip cards for gifts. There are also small denomination gift cards that you can order that are perfect for teachers, stocking stuffers, and coaches. So if you would like to order, please call the office at 920-725-5601 or email Sandie at [sandieumland@gmail.com](mailto:sandieumland@gmail.com) by Monday morning. They will be available to be picked up by Thursday of that week.

### \$\$\$ 4 Mi\$\$ion\$ at Lambeau Field

Over the last 5 years, St. Thomas has raised more than \$80,000 for youth group and adult missions, all by simply serving cake and ice cream in the suites during Green Bay Packers home games. And we are back at it this season as well so we need YOUR help! Please check out [www.packers.com/schedule](http://www.packers.com/schedule) and volunteer for a game (or more). Volunteers must be at least 14 years old, wear black shoes, black socks, and black pants. It's a LOT of fun and we always carpool from St. Thomas. You can contact Aran Walter at [aranwalter@gmail.com](mailto:aranwalter@gmail.com) or (920) 379-6229 to volunteer. Even more information is available at [www.stthomaswi.com/mission](http://www.stthomaswi.com/mission) and [www.styg.com/signup](http://www.styg.com/signup) Join the party!



### The Road to Jericho is available for purchase!

Over the years as I have shared the stories of how God has miraculously moved in our midst, folks have encouraged me to write them down. It is our prayer that these stories of how Jesus has revealed Himself and His power will encourage you and your loved ones. Thanks, Betsy

You can purchase this book at:

<https://anglicanhousepublishers.org/shop/the-road-to-jericho/>

# MISSION PARTNER PRAYER REQUESTS FOR NOVEMBER 2021

## MOTHERS' MERCY HOME – DIOCESE OF MT KENYA SOUTH: [www.mmhpp.org](http://www.mmhpp.org)

Praise God for:

- The baptism of 14 of the children at ACK Kianjogu Church on September 19th
- For improvements to the playground to enable installation of play equipment, improvements to parking area and construction of some burners at open kitchen

Prayer Requests:

- For students preparing for Form 4 finals that they will be ready by preparing in advance
- That COVID will come to an end

## BETSY HAKE – JERICHO MINISTRIES IN HONDURAS: [www.jerichoministries.org](http://www.jerichoministries.org)

Prayer Requests:

- For my health: diagnosed with gut bacteria and on heavy antibiotics
- For Isabella, Nahomy & Lideny who all struggle with wanting to leave children's home
- For organization for the builders as they finish Mindy's cabin & begin building 2 more Dec. 1
- For more churches/organizations to help build our cabins
- For provision for the Villa School and staff salaries
- That our Presidential elections on November 28<sup>th</sup> will be peaceful

## REVS. ALLEN & RACHEL HILL: [www.samusa.org/missionaries-frames01.html](http://www.samusa.org/missionaries-frames01.html)

Prayer Requests:

- For Rachel as she steps back from ministry to take care of the family's educational, emotional and physical well-being.
- For grace to deal with isolation from friends, online schooling, lack of organized sporting activities, high anxiety and challenges associated with ADHD
- For healing where our hearts have been wounded and protection from evil
- For improved health and new ministry opportunities for Rachel's parents, Bishop Bill and Judith Godfrey

## DOUBLE PORTION: [www.doubleportionsoupkitchen.com](http://www.doubleportionsoupkitchen.com)

Praise God for:

- The recent decrease in local COVID-19 cases, allowing guests & volunteers to feel safer
- The faithfulness of partner organizations in providing funding & meals: St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Calvary Bible Church and Home Cooks

Prayer Requests:

- For stabilization of supply chain to allow us to provide healthy meals & pantry items
- For discernment about when to reopen for in-person dining and for flexibility on part of volunteers and guests as we make changes