

Holy Eucharist  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 10, 2025 at 8:00 A.M & 10:00 A.M.



*WE SEEK TO UNITE ALL PEOPLE WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER IN CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, EDUCATION, AND SERVICE.*

*Welcome! We're glad you're here.*

**PRELUDE: Hymn Medley**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 388: O Worship the King.....Hanover**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION.....BCP, p. 355**

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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: S-278 .....BCP, p 356**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST READING.....Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM.....Psalm 33:12-22

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*  
on those who wait upon his love,

- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; \*  
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.

**Solo: Precious Lord, Take My Hand.....Thomas A. Dorsey**  
**Daniel Reiman, guest tenor**

**SECOND READING ..... Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn 635: If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee.....Wer Nur**

**GOSPEL..... Luke 12:32-40**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**SERMON..... Fr. RJ**

**THE NICENE CREED .....BCP, p 358**

**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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III.....BCP, p 387**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

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.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Vonda, Jim, Jane, Carol and Ron.  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to Shelley Burns, and all 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.  
*Silence*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION .....BCP, p. 360**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

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 .....BCP, p. 360**

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

**PARISH NOTICES**

**PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS.....BCP, p. 830**

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES:**

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, we thank you for those among us whose lives together are a sign of Christ's love to the world, and we thank you especially this day for those who are celebrating their anniversaries.

Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. In Christ's name we pray. *Amen.*

**Offertory Solo: Because He Lives.....Bill and Gloria Gaither  
Mr. Reiman**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING** The Doxology (Hymn 380, St 3)

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A.....BCP, p. 361**

*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.**

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

*The Celebrant adds a preface and then proceeds:*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***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:

***(sung)***      **Christ has died.**  
                 **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 forever. **AMEN. (X3 Sung)**



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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Response:* ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

### FRACTION ANTHEM S-164..... Franz Schubert

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace

### COMMUNION:

*All baptized persons are welcome to take communion.*

*Please let the Priest know if you would prefer a gluten free wafer.*

**Communion Music: Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees**

**Karen Violand at Ray's Handbell Tree**

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

*To Be Said By Those Online and Others Choosing Not to Receive the Sacrament*

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of Your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving.

I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that they may always be united to You. And since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I pray that You come spiritually into my heart.

I unite myself to You and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die in Your love. Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

**Recessional Hymn 637: How Firm A Foundation.....Lyons**

**As the candles are extinguished the people sing:**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in his wonderful face;  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace.

**Priest:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Bob's Music Notes

About our guest: Daniel is the treasurer of the East Holmes Local Schools in Berlin OH. He received his Bachelor of Education degree from Miami University and his Master's in K-12 Leadership from Kent State. He lives in Canal Fulton with his wife and three children: Charlie, Theo, and Finn. His father, the late Charles A. Reiman, was our frequent guest who played the double bass, piano, and sang.



"O Worship the King" was authored by Sir Robert Grant, member of Parliament and Governor of Bombay, a paraphrase of Psalm 136, the "Great Hallel" of Jewish liturgy in Passover rites. Composer William Croft was organist of Westminster Abbey and a highly influential musician of his day, despite his early death at 50. His best-known tune is "St. Anne," "O God Our Help in Ages Past."

"If Thou" was written, words and music, by Georg Neumark, German poet and composer of hymns. This is his most famous work, beloved by Bach and a host of other masters. What John Mason Neale was as translator of Latin and Greek hymns, Catherine Winkworth was for German hymnody, which scholar Erik Routley calls the "birthplace of congregational hymnody." I'm sorry that there are only two stanzas printed in our book. The original had seven.

"How Firm" was first published by John Rippon in a collection he called "A Selection of Hymns from the Best Authors." The stately tune "Lyons" is attributed to Michael Haydn, younger brother of the famous Joseph. This was the first hymn that Joseph Smith selected for his Mormon enterprise and also a favorite of Robert E. Lee. An amusing anecdote about the last line: it was originally printed "to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled," which caused pranksters to say "Yoo hoo to Jesus." Our hymnal corrected that to read "to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled."

"Precious Lord" was written by black Gospel composer Dorsey (with 3000 tunes to his credit) at the August 1932 death of his wife and infant son. The tune is based on "Maitland," a work by Professor George Nelson Allen of Oberlin. It was the favorite hymn of MLK Jr, sung by Leontyne Price at Lyndon Johnson's funeral, and also the funeral of Mahalia Jackson who often sang it at Dr. King's rallies. Note: This Thomas Dorsey is not to be confused with the band leader.

"Because He Lives" was written by the gifted team of Bill and Gloria Gaither at a low moment in their lives when Gloria was pregnant with their third child. Bill was quite ill, and the "God is dead" theme was being touted. After the birth things brightened, and with the thought that

one can face the future because of Christ's resurrection, this song was born. It was the favorite of Father RJ's dad.



## *Altar Flowers given to the Glory of God*



### UPCOMING EVENTS



#### **Monday, August 11**

1 pm - Knitting, Family Room  
3 pm- Book Club

#### **Tuesday, August 12**

7 pm - Yoga with Beth

#### **Wednesday, August 13**

4 pm- Evening Prayer, Zoom

#### **Thursday, August 14**

No Prayer Book Study

#### **Tuesday, August 19**

7 pm - Yoga with Beth

#### **Wednesday, August 20**

4 pm- Evening Prayer, Zoom

#### **Thursday, August 21**

1 pm- Prayer Book Study

#### **Monday, August 22**

1 pm - Knitting, Family Room

#### **Tuesday, August 23**

1 pm- Lunch Bunch, Walther's Tavern  
7 pm - Yoga with Beth

#### **Wednesday, August 24**

10 am- Blessing of the Backpacks  
4 pm- Evening Prayer, Zoom

#### **Thursday, August 25**

1 pm- Prayer Book Study

There are several new/empty GREETER sign up sheets on the kiosk just waiting for your name. Greeting our fellow parishioners prior to the 10 o'clock service is arguably the most fun ministry that we can be a part of! Thank you, all.

-MaryAnn Kiesling

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Jess Hostetter
- 4 Jack Gordon
- 11 Tory Willoughby
- 13 Joyce Rupp  
Pamela Clark
- 18 Bradly Mull

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Drew and Mandy Pelger
- 4 Bruce and Jane Schutrum
- 5 Gene and Sally Little
- 21 Scott and Debbie Shellhammer
- 26 John and Tory Willoughby
- 27 Patrick and Rebecca Watters

## Servers this August 10

### Lector:

10 am: Kent Clark

### Eucharistic Ministers

8 am: Paul Sack

10 am: Pam McCarthy, Derek Gordon

Acolytes: Karen Violand, Heather Thomas

Ushers: Geoff Gordon, Rick Werren

Altar Guild: Paulette Frech, Pat Silagy-Wesson

## Servers next August 17

### Eucharistic Ministers

8 am: Richard Tirpak

10 am: Anne Coen, Carol Hayn

Acolytes: Karen Violand, Heather Thomas

Ushers: John Willoughby, Kent Clark

Altar Guild: Paulette Frech, Pat Silagy-Wesson



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Have compassion on:** Carol Popovich, Vonda Temelkoff, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Brooks, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

**For those who have died:** **Shelley Burns** (Tom Burns' cousin's wife)

**Family & Friends:** **Hannah Smith** (friend of Brynn Pelger) + **Mary Ann Legrom, Lee, & Chuck Boone** (friends & cousin of the Hixons) + **Jill Black** (friend of Leslie Redmon) + **Schultz family** (acquaintances of Katie Cerrone) + **Joann Smith family** (friends of Ken Jaeb) + **Jean & David Fell** (Father RJ's acquaintance) + **Kathleen** (acquaintance of Sara Strattan) + **Allison** (cousin of Sandi Kaustinen) + **Debbie, Jared, & Clarice Lough** (niece & friends of the Watters) + **Katheleen Philippsborn** (sister of Tom Turner) + **Robert Dink" Heinzman & Machelles Wells** (Todd's dad & friend of the Heinzmans) + **Father Jon Conventry** (Trinity Episcopal Church - Alliance) + **Jimmy Little** (son of Sue Little) + **Tom** (brother-in-law of AnJane McConville) + **Gail and Judy Shumway** (sister-in-law & co-worker friend of the Rand's daughter) + **Karen McVehil & Pam Lagodich** (friends of the Mulls) + **George Finley family, Scott Jones, Val Hiner-Donlon, & Rick Ciminelli** (cousins & friends of the Gordons) + **Terry Adaska** (acquaintance of Bert Heisser) + **Trish** (friend of Paulette Frech) + **Don Siegfried & Janet Sheatzley-Morgan** (husband and sister of Barb Siegfried) + **Allison Cornell-Hood & Anne Higgins** (daughter & friend of Diane Cornell) + **Finnigan Savage** (friend of Pam McCarthy) + **David** (acquaintance of the Nadels) + Paul (friend of the Browns) + **Those in the Armed Forces.**

## Prayer Chain



*St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at Please note ,prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference. Please update Bobbi on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.*



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