

Holy Eucharist
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2023



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

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Prelude: Medley of Today's Hymns

Opening Hymn 473: Lift High the Cross.....Crucifer
Joyce Elaine Corbett, guest pianist

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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

**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
People
Celebrant

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
Therefore, thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

Psalm 26:1-8

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn 439: What Wondrous Love Is This

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
Response ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Homily (Please be seated)

Fr. RJ

THE NICENE CREED (Please Stand as You Are Able)

**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 VI

The Leader and People pray responsively.

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 especially Ray, Vonda, Henry,
Geoff, Jim, Jane, Ron;
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, for Anne, 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.
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.
The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Remembering especially Patrick and Marion Watters, we pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
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 Bishop, when present, or 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Please remain in your place and greet one another with a non-contact greeting.

PARISH NOTICES

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

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 Sentence

Offertory: Jesus, Thou Divine Companion (586)

Handbells and Chimes coordinated by Karen Violand

Vocal trio: Beck Rand, Caroline Willoughby, Sandi Kaustinen

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

The celebrant adds a proper preface

The Celebrant proceeds

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:

S-130.....Franz Schubert

***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:

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

To Be Said By Those Online and Other 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 586: Jesus, Thou Divine Companion.....Pleading Savior

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ALTAR GUILD DEDICATIONS

- ◆ In Memory of Patrick and Marion Watters Wedding Anniversary - Patrick and Becky Watters
- ◆ In Celebration of Tom and Sandy Turner's Anniversary

BOB'S MUSIC NOTES

"Lift High the Cross," the work of George William Kitchin when he was Dean of Winchester Cathedral, was inspired by Constantine the Great's conversion after a vision of a cross with the inscription "In hoc signo vinces." The popularity of this hymn is due to the tune of Sir Sydney Nicholson, founder of the Royal School of Church Music and editor of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*.

"What Wondrous Love Is This" is a folk hymn from the American South, 1811, with a tune from an English ballad. The Dorian mode found in this setting is quite haunting and is used also in "Noel Nouvelet" ("Now the Green Blade Riseth").

"Jesus, Thou Divine Companion" is another example of VanDyke's enterprising life: ambassador to the Netherlands, professor at Princeton Seminary, pastor of NYC Brick Presbyterian Church - best known for "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." The text is

perfect for Labor Day. The charming pentatone *Pleading Savior* was conceived by Joshua Leavitt, friend of Abraham Lincoln and ardent abolitionist, who published the first hymnal to contain music (bass and melody) instead of just the text.

Ms. Corbett has been our chancel guest in the past. She has had a dual career as an RN and virtuoso keyboard artist, having been organist at a number of local churches with degrees from Oberlin and Kent State.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 4

Labor Day, Office Closed

Wednesday, September 6

Evening Prayer, Zoom 4 p.m.

Vestry, 6 p.m.

September Birthdays

3 Ashley Hostetter, Ronald Rupp

7 Linda Deuble

14 Maxine Kit

16 Bruce Hixon

17 Wayne Paradis

23 Christopher Smith

29 Emily Gordon

September Anniversaries

2 Tom and Sandy Turner

Servers this Sunday, September 3:

Eucharistic Ministers 8:00am: Sara Strattan

Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Bruce Schutrum, Pam McCarthy

Acolyte: Danny Holihan

Ushers: Dave Thorley, John Wise

Altar Guild: Beth Crawl, Kathy Sloan, Sara Strattan

Servers next Sunday, September 10:

Eucharistic Ministers 8:00am: Paul Sack

Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Derek Gordon, Carol Hayn

Acolyte: Joe Hoot

Ushers: Geoff Gordon, Rick Werren

Altar Guild: Beth Crawl, Kathy Sloan, Sara Strattan

PRAYER CONCERNS

Vonda Temelkoff, Henry Aegerter, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, & Ron Brookes

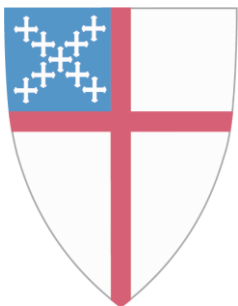
Family and Friends: Ray Slinger (friend of Bob Morrison), Don Siegfried, Darin Hill (friend of Derek & Emily Gordon); Elaine Campbell (friend of the Turners); Lori, Mike, & Chase (friends of Leslie Redmon); Deacon Gretchen Platt, & Lisa (acquaintances & wife of Father RJ); Bob Rownd (friend of John Werren & Anne Coen); Judy Heisser-Turner (sister of Bert Heisser); Trish (friend of Paulette Frech); Broden Burt, Bill Allen, & Jim Belamy (acquaintances of the Mulls); Pat Walter & family (friend of Barb Whitehouse); Don Martin & Mark Osterhage (Classmate & neighbor of the Watters); Alycia Geis (Karen Violand's friend's daughter); Jacinta Decker (co-worker of Mandy Pelger); Michelle Graber (Bobbi Gordon family/friend); Don Siegfried & Janet Sheatzley-Morgan (husband & sister of Barb Siegfried); DaNay Jackson (friend of Ron Brookes); Allison Cornell-Hood, Bob Patterson, & Anne Higgins (daughter & friends of Diane Cornell); Finnigan Savage (friend of Pam McCarthy); Gail (sister-in-law to the Rands); Lynnda Hoefler & Jimmy Little (friend & son of Sue Little); Theresa & Addelyn (friends of the Hixons); Yanette Pysher (Vonda Temelkoff's cousin); Tony Donahue (friend of the Boyds); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Baby David (acquaintance of the Nadels); Johnny Willoughby (grandson of the Willoughbys).

For those who have died.

For 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 ggordon24@sbcglobal.net 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 or Katie on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.



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Meet our Sunday School kids!



Brynn:

Hi I'm Brynn Pelger and I am 11 years old, I go to Glenwood Intermediate school and I am in 6th grade. I love going to church and have set a goal to read and take notes from my bible every night this year. I love performing on stage and right now I am getting ready to start rehearsals for Finding Nemo Jr. (at North Canton Playhouse) and Charlie and The Chocolate Factory (at Stagedoor Studios). My dream job is to be on Broadway! At Glenoak I also take dance classes and in the summer I play tennis. I love coming to St. Mark's, because I always feel like I belong, so thank you for making me feel like this!!

Connor:

Hi I'm Connor Pelger and I am 9 years old, I go to Middlebranch Elementary and I am in the 4th grade. I love going to church and learning about God. My favorite sports are lacrosse and golf, I am starting lacrosse again right now to get ready for a fall tournament. I am so excited to start, because I love my team and playing with my friends! I hope to also get a lot of golf in before winter gets here. Along with playing sports I have started to draw a lot and hope to become even better. I really enjoy coming to church and talking about God and meeting all of you, thank you for making that possible

