

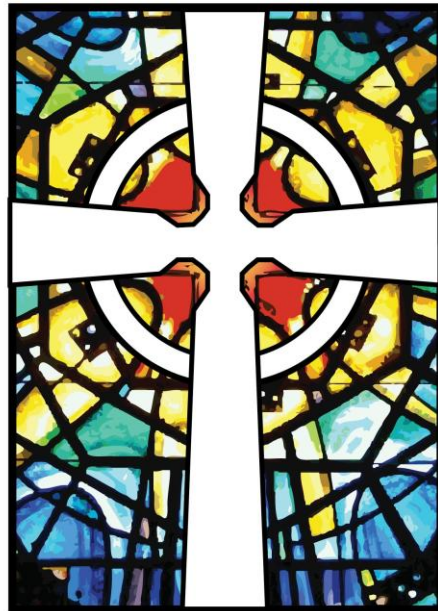
ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebration of Christian Education

Holy Baptism

June 7, 2026 at 10:30 AM



Today we celebrate children, youth, graduates, and teachers! Young people will serve as ushers, acolytes, readers, preachers, musicians, and oblation bearers. All children and youth are invited to come forward and stand near the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer. The translations of today's lectionary readings are from "God's Word, My Voice: A Lectionary for Children" and are approved for use by Bishop Susan B. Haynes, Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

We welcome our new curate, the Rev. Jackson Davey, and his wife Emily.

Welcome to St. Thomas Episcopal Church!

We warmly welcome you to our parish and are glad you are worshipping with us today. Our ushers and welcome team are ready to assist you and answer your questions.

Guests

If you are new, visiting, or a guest, please scan this QR code to connect with us! We would like to greet you by name. Please see our welcome team for a nametag.



Children

Children are welcome in all our services! Activities for them are available in the narthex (lobby). Childcare is also available in our nursery for children up to age five. Just ask an usher.

Restrooms

Gendered restrooms are located in the hallway off of the parish hall. A non-gendered and accessible restroom is available in the same hallway. An usher can guide you.

Hearing Assist Devices

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex (lobby).

Service Notes

Today you will see and hear cues to stand, kneel, and be seated. Instructions are printed in *italics* and spoken congregational responses in **bold**. Feel free to observe these traditions as you are able, but please, do what works best for you. Be comfortable here in God's house. Our services are streamed live on YouTube. Any hymns not included in this bulletin can be found in your pew hymnals, most often The Hymnal 1982 (blue). All music is used by permission under One License #A-717375 and CCLI #21653437.

Today's Offering

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Our Mission and Core Values

St. Thomas Episcopal Church is a diverse community that seeks unity with God and each other in Christ.



Muffins With Mark+

If you feel new to St. Thomas, come enjoy some baked goods and an informal chat with Rev. Mark and other newcomers.

The next date is June 14. Muffins With Mark+ is held every few weeks, after the 10:30 service. You can reach Mark anytime by calling the church office at 757-547-4662, ext. 6.

PRELUDE: Meditation on "Peace Like a River"

Brenda Portman

GATHERING SONG: Jesus Loves Me

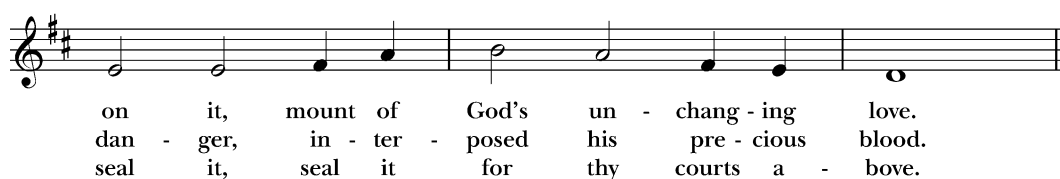
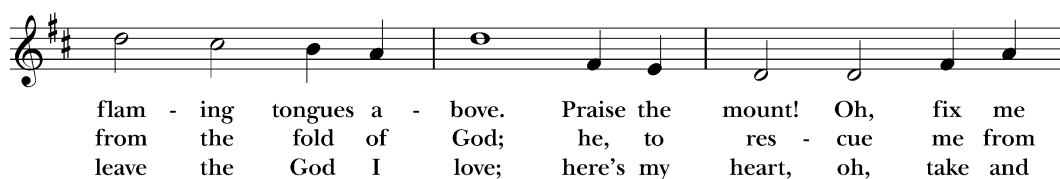
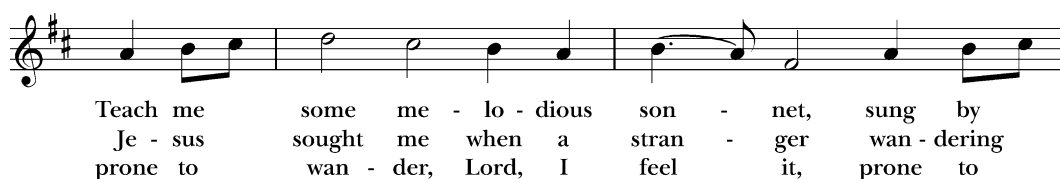
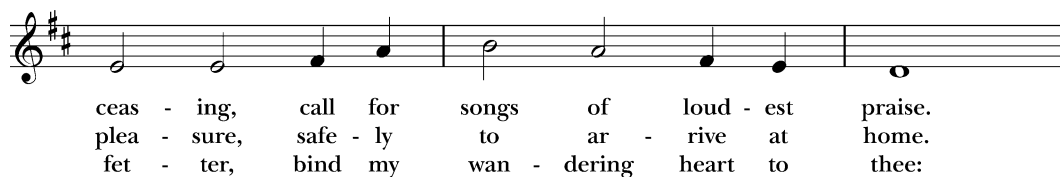
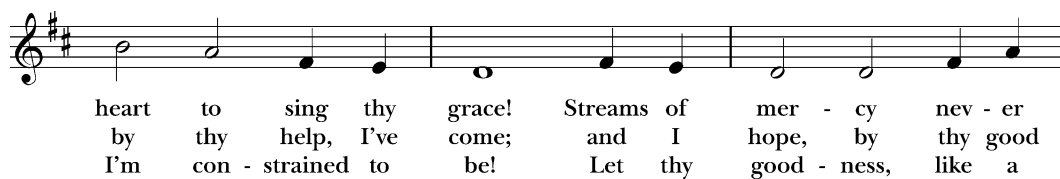
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WORDS OF WELCOME

Please stand as able.

OPENING HYMN: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1982 Hymnal 686



Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 12:1-9

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

God was talking to Abram and said, "Leave everything you know behind; your country, your cousins, the home you grew up in, and go to the place I will show you. You are going to be something special. I will bless you so that you can bless others. I will be on your side — those who are good to you, I will be good to them. But those who cause you trouble will find themselves in more trouble than they can imagine." So Abram packed up his things and left, just as God told him to do. He took with him his wife and nephew, and the helpers in their household, and came to the land of Canaan. There, God appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your family." Abram built an altar there to worship God. He kept going, step by step, building altars, and worshipping God as he moved toward the Negeb.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33:1-12 *Spoken responsively*

Good people, praise God.
Pick up your harps and your violins and guitars.
Make beautiful melodies. Sing God a new song with loud voices.
The whole world is filled with God's love.

God's word is real and can be trusted.
God loves goodness and justice.
The whole world is filled with God's love.

God spoke the skies into being
and with one breath the angels were made.
God holds the waters of the sea in a bottle
and stores the depths of the oceans in his closet.
The whole world is filled with God's love.

Everyone in the whole world,
get down on your knees in respect and wonder!
One word from God and everything was created.
God tells the earth to stop spinning and it stops.
The whole world is filled with God's love.

The nations of the world plot and plan
but they can do nothing like God can do.
The thoughts of God's heart last forever.
God's plans are wise and good.
Happy are the people who belong to God and follow God.
The whole world is filled with God's love.

THE EPISTLE: Romans 4:13-18

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

God promised Abraham he'd be the father of us all, not because he followed the law, but because he was faithful. If only perfect people who follow the law perfectly will realize God's promise, then we might as well call the whole deal off because the promise will mean nothing. The law is hurtful. But if there is no law, you can't break it.

It's faith that matters. God's promise is pure grace, and flows to those who keep the law and who share the faith of Abraham. The God of Abraham gives life to the dead and "calls into existence things that don't exist." Abraham had no reason to hope he would become a father of many nations, but he believed. And it happened.

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN: Spirit of the Living God

LEVAS 115

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-12, 18-26

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

As Jesus was walking, he saw a man named Matthew collecting taxes at a booth. (People didn't like tax collectors because some tax collectors were cheaters.) Jesus said, "Follow me," and Matthew got up and followed him.

As they were eating dinner that night, there were other tax collectors and sinners around the table with Jesus and his disciples. When the church authorities saw this, they said to the disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard them say this he said, "It's the sick people who need a doctor, not the healthy ones."

While Jesus was speaking to them, a church leader came and knelt in front of him, saying, "My daughter has just died. I know if you lay your hands on her, she'll live." So Jesus and his disciples got up and went with him.

While they were on their way, a woman who had been suffering for twelve years snuck up behind Jesus and touched the hem of his robe. She thought, "If I only touch his robe I'll be healed." When Jesus turned and saw her, he said, "What courage you have! Your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that time on.

When Jesus got into the leader's house, it was full of people crying over the dead girl. He told them to go away, because she wasn't dead, but asleep. They laughed at him. When they were all gone, Jesus went into her room, took her hand, and she sat up. News of Jesus bringing the dead girl to life spread like wildfire around the countryside.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Repeat the Sequence Hymn, Spirit of the Living God.

Please be seated.

MUSICAL OFFERING: God Is Love and Great Big God

Sunday School kids

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE FOR HOLY BAPTISM

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors **I present Rosalind Grace to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors **I will, with God's help.**

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

Celebrant (*Addressing the congregation:*) Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Please stand as able.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Let us now pray for Rosalind Grace, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN: Down in the River to Pray

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way,
And who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.
O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way,
And who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.
O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Rosalind Grace, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Rosalind Grace, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with others.

OFFERTORY: A Psalm by Andy Beck, sung by the Choristers

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Please stand as able.

DOXOLOGY

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Enriching Our Worship Form I

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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

**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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Mary, St. Thomas, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

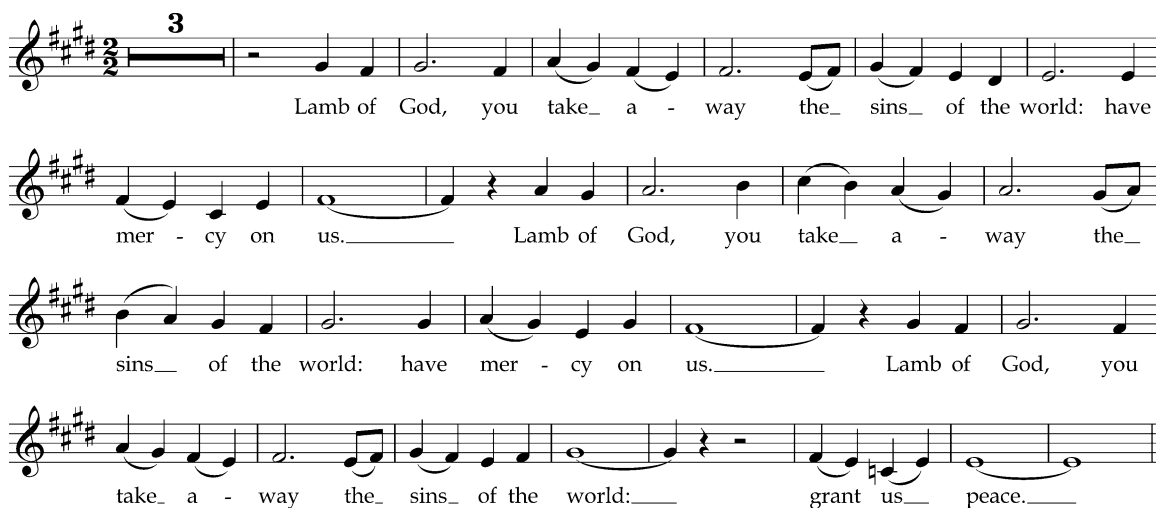
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the bread in silence.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Lamb of God

LEVAS 270



This is the table, not of the Church, but of God. It is made ready for those of us who love God, and for those who want to love God more. So, come, those of us who have much faith, and those who have little; those of us who have been here often, and those who have not been here long; those of us who have tried to follow, and those who have failed. Come, because it is God who invites us. It is God's will that we should meet here.

Please be seated until the ushers direct you.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Jesus Loves Me

J.B. Taylor

COMMUNION HYMN: Amazing Grace

1982 Hymnal 671

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| 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see. | 4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home. |
| 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed! | 5 When we've been there ten thousand
years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun. |
| 3 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures. | |

Please stand as able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Please be seated.

CELEBRATION OF TEACHERS AND GRADUATES

We give thanks to our Sunday School teachers:

Lead Teachers

Margaret Green
Dale-Marie McKie
Stephanie Brooks
Miriam Fedro
Jill Sunderland
Michelle Hawthorne
Courtney Monica
Melanie Rhudy
Will Swafford-Nowell
Hannah Green
Anne Evans

Our Awesome Substitute Teachers

Tenny Walsh
Jessica Gaut
Ken Sumner
Rose Jacques
Kate McKone-Sweet
Debbie Gunderson
Richard Green

We celebrate graduation milestones for the following:

Kindergarten

Hudson Biscotti

High School

Robert Evans
Sam Lunde
Isabella Monica
Grace Sawyer
Trevor Whitted

College

Emma Evans - Sweetbriar College

Sam Hines - University of Illinois

Leslie Ipock - William & Mary

Maya McKone-Sweet - Oberlin College of Engineering

Evan Orrock - James Madison University

Jason Whitted - William & Mary School of Law

Our Nursery Attendants

Keylee Guess- TCC - Nursing Aide Certificate

Andree Vael - Sentara Patient Care Technician

VESTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Watch over thy 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 thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Please stand as able.

BLESSING



1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the
 2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the
 3 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals, sing to the
 4 En - gines and steel, loud pound - ing ham - mers, sing to the
 5 Class - rooms and labs, loud boil - ing test - tubes, sing to the
 6 Know - ledge and truth, loud sound - ing wis - dom, sing to the



1 Lord _____ a new song! O vic - to - ry,
 2 Lord _____ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,
 3 Lord _____ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,
 4 Lord _____ a new song! Lime - stone and beams,
 5 Lord _____ a new song! Ath - lete and band,
 6 Lord _____ a new song! Daugh - ter and son,



1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 3 loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 4 loud build - ing work - ers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 5 loud cheer - ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 6 loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!



Refrain
 He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: A Joyful Ode

Phil Lehenbauer

The flowers on the altar are given in memory of Ethel Barger Culp McGavok by Jean Clark.