

**The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 18, 2021 10:00 a.m.**



### The Rev. April Berends, Rector ~ The Rev. David Burman, Associate Rector

**Sarah Hess, Seminarian ~ Caroline Day, Seminarian**

**GATHERING**

*\* =* ***Rise*** *as you are able, in body or in spirit |* ✠*= a customary time to “cross” oneself*

**PRELUDE**

**\* THE ACCLAMATION**

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

 **People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**\* THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**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**.

**HYMN** *Come now, O Prince of Peace*



**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

 Celebrant The Lord be with you.

 **People And also with you**.

 Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**Amen***.*

### THE FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

 Reader A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

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When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.” But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

 Reader The Word of the Lord.

 **People Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 23** (*Read responsively)*

1 The Lord is my shepherd;

 I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures**

 **and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul

 and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

 **I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those

 who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days**

 **of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

### THE GOSPEL Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

 Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

 Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON** Caroline Day, Seminarian

**THE NICENE CREED**

**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**

IntercessorHoly, holy, holy Lord, in calling forth creation from the void, revealing yourself in human flesh and pouring forth your wisdom to guide us, you display your concern for the whole universe. You invite us, as your people, to gather the world’s needs into our hearts and bring them before you.

 We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Brian, our Bishop; for April and David, our priests; Sarah and Caroline, our seminarians; and for the fulfillment of the mission of the church, that we may bear witness to the risen Christ in all that we say and do, Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**People We lift our prayers to you.**

Intercessor We pray for the world that you so love, that being made new in you, we may work to restore the beauty of your creation. Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**People People We lift our prayers to you.**

Intercessor We pray for the nations of the world, that you may pour out your Spirit on all flesh and give to your people the blessing of peace. Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**People We lift our prayers to you.**

Intercessor We pray for all who are in any kind of trouble, that they may know the joy of your salvation, and that we may respond to them in mercy with the love of Jesus Christ. We pray especially for

the Smallwood family, Patty, Michelle, Amanda, Jamie, Martha, Sue, William, Neil, Ash, Bill, Sally, Mary Lou, Gerry, Andrea, Jennifer, June, Amy, Deborah, Ann, the Hale family, Niysah, Valorie, Terrie, Alex, Andrea, Steve, Angela, Dwight, Barbara, Doris, Rebecca, J.R., Charlotte, Libby, Jean, Barbara, Elizabeth, Joyce, and Ann;

We pray for Wil, Jake, Kevin, Tripp, Mike, Alexander, Russel, Logan, Jim, Sean, Evan, and all of our Armed Forces, here and abroad;

We pray for Bren who is deployed as a nurse in the pandemic.

We pray for Jessica, Alice and Ali, who are with child.

We pray for all who are sick or grieving in this time of pandemic, for all whose homes are in

peril or uprooted because of climate change, and for all displaced because of warfare or

other disasters. Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**People We lift our prayers to you.**

IntercessorWe pray for those who have died, especially Hilna Long, mother of David Long, and those who are dying. Gather them into the arms of your mercy, and receive them into the joy of your eternal realm. Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**People We lift our prayers to you.**

Celebrant Holy God of Israel, ever present and moving among your people, draw us near to you, that in place of hostility there may be peace; in place of loneliness, compassion; in place of aimlessness, direction; and in place of sickness, healing; through Christ Jesus, in whom you draw near to us. **Amen**.

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All** **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.**

Priest 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***.*

 Hear the word of God to all people.  “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”         *Matthew 11:28*

**THE PEACE**

 Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

 **People And also with you**.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *Holy Spirit, ever living**as the Church’s very life*

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**TABLE**

**\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3**

 *(from* Enriching Our Worship*)*

*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.**

*Celebrant*  All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**SANCTUS**

**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.**

*(The Celebrant continues)*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*All:* **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus,**

 **come in glory!**

*The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

*All:* **Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope,**

 **justice and love.**

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*All:* **Blessed are you 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**

**THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

 **People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*This morning, we will receive communion in one kind only (bread). To receive communion, move forward toward the priest. Stretch out your hands, and the priest will drop the wafer into your hands. Please wait to remove your mask and consume your wafer until you have returned to your seat.*

*Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know if you need one. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and we will bring communion to you.*

**SENDING**

**\* POSTCOMMUNION 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.**

**\* THE BLESSING**

**\* HYMN**  *The King of Love my shepherd is*

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**\* THE DISMISSAL**

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia!

**People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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| Celebrant | The Rev. April Berends |
| Preacher | Caroline Day, Seminarian |
| Musician | The Rev. Drew Bunting |

**Announcements**

**Full of Anxiety, Full of Love: The Writings of Paul**

On two upcoming Sundays (August 1 and 8) our assistant priest David will lead a short class about the writings of Paul. We'll cover Paul's thoughts about who Jesus is, what Christian community can be like, and what his writing suggests about women leaders in the church. We'll meet at 9am in the courtyard, and wrap up by 9:30/9:45 before church -- in case of rain or a lot of heat, we can move inside.

**Grace hopes to return to its traditional Sunday schedule – two services, one at 8 a.m. and the other at 10:45 a.m., both in the Nave – on Sunday, August 15.** Because of the unpredictability of viral transmission in general and the Delta variant in specific, this plan will be subject to whatever changes and revisions become necessary; our clergy and vestry will be watching the numbers and will keep you informed.

**Sunday School for children** will be held each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the pavilion; nursery coming soon! Please contact Maria Hurt at mariahurt1915@gmail.com to help or if you need the nursery!

**The Grace Online Directory** has migrated to a service called Breeze but can still be accessed via the webpage. Find the menu item “BREEZE” at the right end of the menu options that sprawl across the screen near the top, click and log in; user name is ‘saygrace’ and the password is ‘Chattanooga’. Get in touch with Jim Milburn with any questions and suggestions.

**If you’d like to give Altar Flowers during the rest of this year**, please contact the office ((423) 243-3257/dcarden@saygrace.net to sign up for a Sunday. Cost is $77, and all donors need do is provide a dedication and the previously mentioned sum. Because it’s been so long since we’ve had flower donors and so many circumstances have changed, we are deleting all standing orders (unless you’ve been in touch with the office about them already) and beginning from scratch. If you want to establish a standing order, please contact the office.

**Arts Camp**

The chaotic glory that is Grace's summer Arts Camp will be upon us in a mere week; if you have been kept from reserving a place for your child, grand-child, or other diminutive relative by the growing hecticness of life, contact Maria Hurt at once by email or text at **mariahurt1915@gmail.com** or 423-503-4531.

**Old pie pans and newspapers are needed for the camp's undertakings** -- if you can contribute either or both, you will be showered with gratitude! **Items can be brought to the church Tuesday-Thursday between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and on Friday from 9 until noon.**

**July 23, 6 pm, Potluck and Tie-Dye Party** -- **Please bring a dish to share, a towel or blanket to sit on the lawn.**

**July 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Arts Camp Day 1**

\*\*Please arrive at 9:45 a.m. for sign in at the church pavilion.

\*\* Children must be signed in and out by parents or designated adults!

**\*\* Wear colorful clothes. Rainbow theme if possible!**

**July 25 10 a.m. to 4 pm Arts Camp Day 2**

\*\*this includes 10 -- 11:30 for Sunday school/church.

\*\*We'll start in the pavilion again. You don't have to be super early!

**\*\*Wear your tie dye shirt if ready from Friday.**

***For full details about camp activities, apparel and gear to bring, see the July 16 issue of Grace Notes Weekly.***