

**The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 25, 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** *Sing a new church**Delores Dufner*

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**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

 Celebrant The Lord be with you.

 **People And also with you**.

 Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**Amen***.*

### THE FIRST LESSON Ephesians 3:14-21

 Reader A reading from Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

 Reader The Word of the Lord.

 **People Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 14** (*Read responsively)*

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”

 All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

 **2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is any who is wise,**

 **if there is one who seeks after God.**

 3 Every one has proved faithless;

 all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.

 **4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread**

 **and do not call upon the Lord?**

 5 See how they tremble with fear,

 because God is in the company of the righteous.

 **6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,**

 **but the Lord is their refuge.**

 7 Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion!

 when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

### THE GOSPEL John 6:1-21

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

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

 Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON** Sean McEwen

**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 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

Joyce, Susan, 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, 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, who is with child, and we give thanks for the birth of Thomas Clark, son of Alice and Will Clark and grandson of Mike and Lisa Revenig, and for the birth of John Michael “Jack” Stahlwood, son of Ali and Mark Stahlwood.

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 Jean Stone, stepmother of Jamie Stone, and Steven Mosman, member of Christ Church and friend of many at Grace, 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 In your compassionate love, O God, you nourish us with words of life and bread of blessing. Grant that Jesus may calm our fears and move our hearts to praise your goodness by sharing our bread with others. **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** *All who hunger gather gladly*

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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!**

**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** *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*





**\* 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. David Burman |
| Preacher | Sean McEwen |
| Pianist | Steven Hinkle |

**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 plans 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.** Our clergy and vestry will continue to monitor the viral transmission in our area 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.