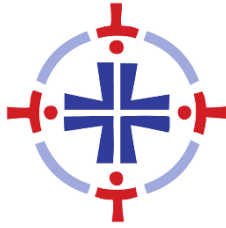




St. Simon's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 19, 2026**



Welcome to St. Simon's

Celebrating God's love for all. Embodying Christ in the world.

If you are here today, you belong, no matter where you are on your journey of faith. Welcome.

St Simon's is a joyful and hopeful congregation that invites all who seek God into community, questions and doubts included. Please feel free to participate as fully in the worship of God as you wish. Lift your voice in praise, respond to the prayers and readings, and come to the altar for communion or a blessing. Or, if you prefer, sit back quietly and allow God's Spirit to speak to you in the way that feels most comfortable.

Welcome, Children. You are invited as full participants in our worship just as you are. God delights in you.

Welcome, Elders. Your wisdom and experience are valued in our community. God has shaped you and you are beautiful.

Welcome, you.

Welcome, everyone, to God's table. This is the table of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, and all who seek God are invited to share in communion. If you wish to participate, but prefer not to receive communion, please join everyone coming forward. Cross your arms over your chest and we will be glad to give you a blessing instead. If you wish to have communion brought to you at your seat, or if you desire a gluten-free wafer, please notify an usher.

Wherever you find yourself on the journey, there is a place for you here.
May you encounter God in this community.

The Holy Eucharist

** Indicates the assembly stands, if able.*

*All portions of the service in **Bold** are spoken by the assembly.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

“Arise, O God”

Darwall



1. A - rise, O God, and shine in all your sav - ing might, and
2. Bring dis - tant na - tions near to sing your glo - rious praise; let
3. Send forth your glo - rious pow'r, that ev - 'ry - one may see, and
4. To God, ho - ly and wise, the one im - mor - tal King, let



pros - per each de - sign to spread your glo - rious light: Yes, our own
ev' - ry peo - ple hear and learn your ho - ly ways: Yes, our own
earth, in ev - 'ry hour, pro - claim your ma - jes - ty: Yes, our own
hal - le - lu - jahs rise from ev' - ry liv - ing thing: Yes, our own



God, your peo - ple bless, and fill the world with right - eous - ness.
God, your peo - ple bless, and fill the world with right - eous - ness.
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God, your peo - ple bless, and fill the world with right - eous - ness.

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

***The Gloria**

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



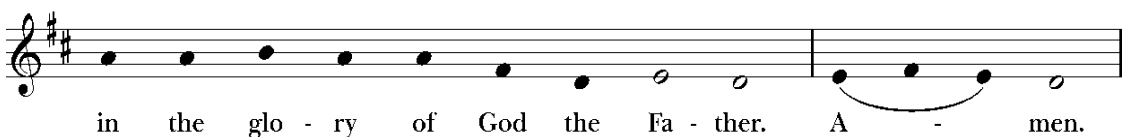
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 Lessons

The Assembly is seated

The First Lesson

Isaiah 44:6-8

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

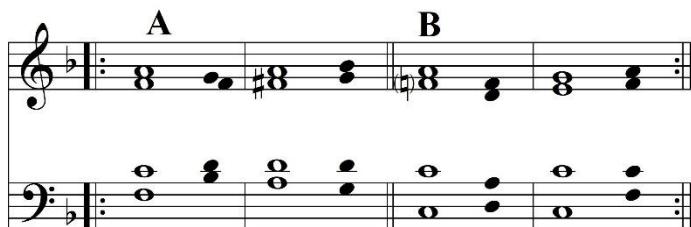
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

The Psalter

Psalms 86:11-17



- A Mark your path, Lord, that I may follow your truth.
Make my one desire to revere your name.
- B With all I am, I thank you, God,
and honor your name for ever.
- A Your love for me is great,
it saves me from the grave.
- A The proud rise against me, brutal gangs seek my life,
with no thought of you.
- B But you are Lord of mercy and care,
a God slow to anger, full of loyalty and love.

- A Turn to me, pity me,
strengthen your daughter's child, rescue your servant.
B Show me a sign of your love to shock and disgrace my enemy.
Bring me help and comfort, Lord.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:12-25

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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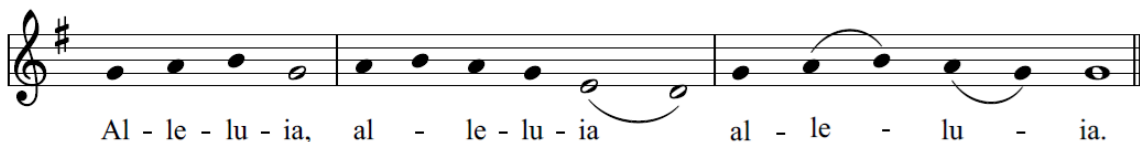
The Assembly stands as they are able to face the Gospeler.

***The Gospel Procession**

All join in singing both before and after the gospel.

1st time - Intro

2nd time - Congregation



***The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children

of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Mary Haggerty

A period of silence is shared after the sermon.

***An Affirmation**

**We believe that Jesus took the form of a servant,
so we commit ourselves to serve others.**

**We believe that God is love,
so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.**

**We believe that Jesus gives us his Spirit,
so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.**

**We believe that God is the light of life,
so we commit ourselves to bearing God’s light in our world.**

**We believe that the Spirit speaks through us,
so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news
of abundant life in the world God loves.**

***The Prayers of the People**

Friends in Christ,
God invites us to hold the needs of our siblings
as dear to us as our own needs.
Loving our neighbors as ourselves,
we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions
on behalf of the church and the world.

Come Holy Spirit, take and transform our societies
That your beloved may find justice, equity, and community.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat

Come Holy Spirit, take our world's leaders and bring renewal
That your beloved may have safety, peace, food, water, education, and medicine.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat

Come Holy Spirit, fill your Church
That your beloved would be changed in prayer, grow in faith, serve in your name, and partner with you.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat

Come Holy Spirit, cleanse us of all violence in thought, word, and deed
That your beloved may live together in right relationship.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat

Come Holy Spirit, strengthen and heal all who suffer, especially Makayla, Gayle, Lew, Mary Edith, Jan, Sunita, Jerry, Judy, Maria, Ken and Sherry, Grayson, James, Sandy, Marc, Pat, Trish and all patients, family members and staff at Northwest Community Hospital.
That your beloved may turn again to thank and praise you.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat

Come Holy Spirit, console all who mourn

That your beloved may not be overwhelmed by loss, but find comfort and strength.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat

Come Holy Spirit, guide us through change and the unknown

That your beloved may rest in your eternal changelessness.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat

Hear our prayers, God of power, And through the ministry of your Son fill us with your Spirit, that we may desire you as the fullness of life and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world.¹ **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Ministers and Assembly stand to greet one another in the peace of Christ.

Blessing Birthdays and Anniversaries

All those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries of any kind are invited to add their name to the chat on Zoom or feed on Facebook

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.

Engagement Opportunities

Offertory

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Offertory Hymn

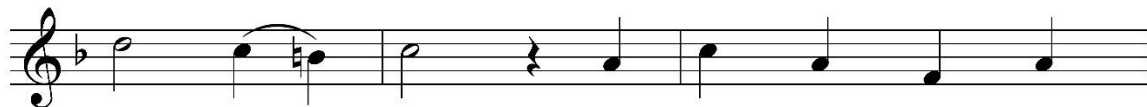
“Almighty God, Your Word is Cast”



1. Al - might - y God, your Word is cast like seed in - to the
2. Let not the foe of Christ and all this ho - ly seed re -
3. Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de -
4. When - e'er the prec - ious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be -



ground; now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and right - eous
move, but give it root in ev' - ry heart to bring forth
stow, but let it yield a hun - dred-fold the fruits of
stow, that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing

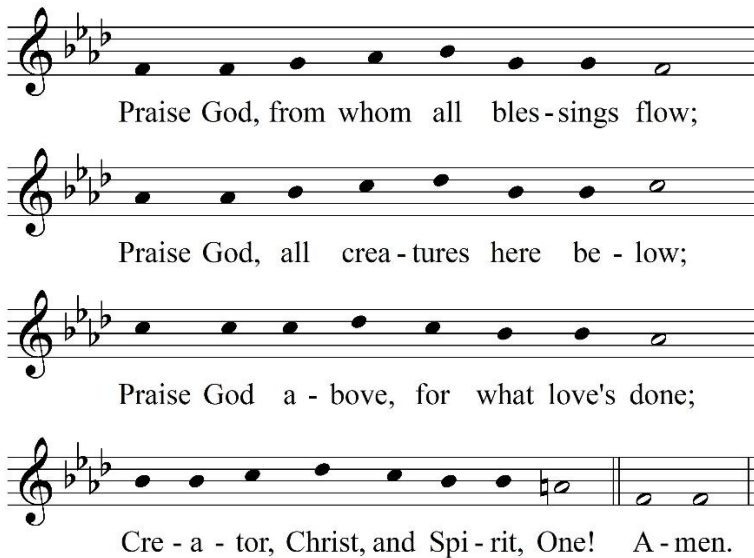


fruits	a - bound.	Now	let	the	dew	of
fruits	of ____ love.	But	give	it	root	in
peace	and ____ joy.	But	let	it	yield	a
pow'r	may ____ know.	That	all	whose	souls	the



heav'n	de - scend	and	right - eous	fruits ____	a - bound.
ev' - ry	____ heart	to	bring forth	fruits ____	of love.
hun - dred - fold	the	fruits	of	peace ____	and joy.
truth ____	re - ceive	its	sav - ing	pow'r ____	may know.

*Presentation of the Gifts



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The notes are as follows:

- Staff 1: Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow;
- Staff 2: Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;
- Staff 3: Praise God a-bove, for what love's done;
- Staff 4: Cre-a-tor, Christ, and Spi-rit, One! A-men.

*The Great Thanksgiving

BCP form A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

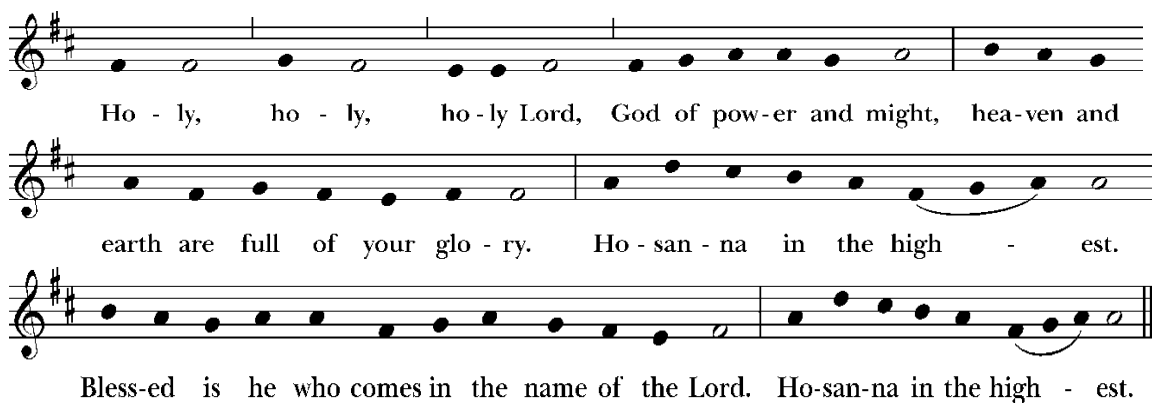
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:



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.

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 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.

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,

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 Fraction

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Presider and those worshipping online consume the host together with these words:

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

Everyone has a place at God's table and all are invited to share in communion. You may stand or kneel at the rail. Wine is offered in individual cups around the outside of the tray. Grape juice is offered in the middle. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest. If you would like to participate but do not wish to receive the bread and wine, simply cross your arms across your chest and the priest will give you a blessing instead.

Both the common cup (chalice) and individual cups are offered. Join the line for the chalice on the left (pulpit) side or the line on the right (screen) side to receive the individual cups. Grape juice is available in the individual cups.

Note: Generally, we will begin to sing the communion hymn once the final group of communion recipients has knelt at the rail. This way, more of the congregation can fully participate in singing most of the communion hymn.

Communion Hymn “Bread of the world, in mercy broken”



Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the soul in
Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,



mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were spo - ken, and in whose
in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -



death our sins are dead: look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken,
Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,



look on the tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to
didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy



us the to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.
Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

***Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

In gratitude for this moment,
this place,
those around us,
Christ among us,
we give ourselves to you our God.

Take us out to live as changed people
because we have met the risen Christ
and cannot be the same.

**Ask much of us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.**

**So may we live to your glory
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
Through Jesus our brother,
with the aid of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.²**

When members of the community are unable to attend the service, representatives of the people are sent with bread and wine to extend our communion with them.

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

***The Blessing**

Closing Hymn ♪

“For the fruit of all creation”



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

 This symbol, next to a hymn, denotes that the hymn (music and/or lyrics) was identified as a “favorite” as part of our recent Hymn Favorites survey.

Worship Space “I Spy” Adventure –

This summer we are drawing attention to the places our building tells a story about ourselves and about God.



<< Can you spot this?

What it tells us about our story:

The Alpha and Omega symbol finds its primary source in the Book of Revelation, the final book of the New Testament written by Saint John the Apostle. In Revelation 1:8, God declares, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.” This statement establishes the symbol’s connection to God’s eternal nature and supreme authority over all creation. The

use of the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet serves as a literary device that encompasses everything in between, signifying totality and completeness. God is not merely present at the beginning and end but fills all of time and space with God’s presence and power. The Greek-speaking early Christians who first heard or read Revelation would have immediately understood this imagery as claiming absolute sovereignty for God.

[Read more at: <https://www.catholicshare.com/what-does-the-alpha-and-omega-symbol-really-mean/>]

We, wristwatch wearing people, are so conscious of time, thinking we can control or manage it in our lives. This symbol reminds us that time belongs to God. All Time. We would be wise to be thoughtful, and prayerful, about what we should be doing with the time allotted to each of us.

Surprisingly, this church only has one image of the Alpha and Omega and when the appliance is in use the letters can’t be seen.

Answer: It's on top of the baptismal font which stands in front of the big window of the Feeding of the 5,000 opposite the altar.

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The Rev. Mary Haggerty, *Sabbatical Supply Priest*

Jo Gantzer, *Associate for Parish Ministry*

Martin Pazdioch, *Music Director*

Today's Service Leaders

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Mary Haggerty
Crucifer	Dave Howley
Chalice Minister	Karen Waechter
Readers	Jo Gantzer
	Ed Petit
Intercessor	Terry Petit
Ushers	Bill Haggerty Kathy Ponce
Altar Guild	Dave Howley
Porter	Rachel Jarosik
Organist	Martin Pazdioch
Flute	Madison Monnette
Technical Production Team	Brian Kuczynski