

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



10:00 AM

July 23, 2023

St. John's by the Campus

Ames, Iowa

ST. JOHN'S BY THE CAMPUS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE TRYING TO FOLLOW JESUS
WE ARE LOVING, IMPERFECT AND HOPEFUL
AND COME FROM A VARIETY OF PLACES
AND WALKS OF LIFE

WE WELCOME YOU

WHETHER YOU ARE SINGLE OR MARRIED
STRAIGHT OR IDENTIFY OTHERWISE
A FAMILY OF ONE OR MANY
CONSERVATIVE, MODERATE, PROGRESSIVE

WE WORSHIP GOD
WORK FOR RACIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE
ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF OUR NEIGHBORS
BRINGING GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE TO THE WORLD

WE WELCOME YOU HERE

A TRIBUTE TO JOAN E. HERWIG 1943-2021

Visitors

If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a warm welcome! Please make yourself known to the greeter or usher as a visitor. Children are always welcome in church, and there is a “pray-ground” at the front of the nave for children to use during the service. However, there is a nursery available downstairs across from the atrium for those who would like to use it. Please find a Sunday Vestry Person to unlock it for you. We hope that you will feel comfortable with our liturgy. You may kneel or stand throughout the service, whichever is your personal preference. Our Presider and Chief Pastor Betsey has asked that we exercise an increased hospitality for the part of the service we call “Holy Communion”. Our worship of God finds its fullest expression in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. It is the offering through which we return thanks for all that God has given us in creation, and in our redemption through the pouring out of Christ’s lifeblood on the cross. In this sacrifice of bread and wine all that we do, and are, is joined by the Holy Spirit to the eternal offering of Christ on behalf of the world. It is the meal which intensifies our union with Christ, draws us together as a community, and nourishes us with the grace needed for our transformation and our mission.

Holy Eucharist Rite Two

PRELUDE

“Largo” and “Spiritoso” from *Sonata duodecima*, opus 16, no. 12

Nicholas Riesen, flute & Miriam Zach, organ

Isabella Leonarda (1620-1704)

OPENING HYMN

Open your ears (Torah song)

Hymn 536



1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,
3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,
4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the
Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O *Fine*
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.
peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.
God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!
And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -
jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,
Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are
To - rah o - ra, *Da Capo*
words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!
To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

“Torah ora” is Hebrew for, “The Law is our Light.”

The people standing, the Presider says

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

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

The Presider may say

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)

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The following is sung, all standing

**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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 people may be seated for the lessons and psalm.

FIRST READING: Genesis 28:10-19a

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ^{19a}He called that place Bethel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Wisdom of Solomon 12:13,16-19

¹³ For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people,
 to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;

¹⁶ For your strength is the source of righteousness,
 and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.

¹⁷ For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power,
 and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.

¹⁸ Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,
 and with great forbearance you govern us;
 for you have power to act whenever you choose.

¹⁹ Through such works you have taught your people
 that the righteous must be kind,
 and you have filled your children with good hope,
 because you give repentance for sins.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—
¹³for 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that 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. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*All stand as able.*

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

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

²⁴[Another parable Jesus put before the crowds:] “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And 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?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let 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.’ ”

³⁶Then 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.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON*The Rev. Tom Early***THE NICENE CREED***All stand as 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 human.**

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Sisters and brothers, surely the Lord is in this place! So let us cry out to God, saying, “Abba! Father! *Hear our prayer.*”

O Great Parent, you have adopted us as your own children. You have made us joint heirs with Christ. You love us. Lead us by your Spirit and strengthen our hope.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

God our King, you have planted us in a complex and often confusing world. Give us patience to live with each other, not judging our neighbors but trusting in your wisdom.

Silence

Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

Present God, even creation groans as it waits on you for freedom. Forgive us for the times in which we have subjected it to futility. Give us eyes to see your presence in the heavens, on the earth, and in the seas.

Silence

Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

God of Light, darkness is not dark to you. Brighten the places in our city where darkness serves as a cover for crime and violence. Redeem all who are lost.

Silence

Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

God of Glory, we wait in hope for the day when we will be set free from the bondage of decay. Even now, free the suffering from pain and the sorrowful from heartache.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

Eternal God, may the righteous shine like the sun in your kingdom. We trust that, even in the grave, you are with us. In hope, save the dying and the dead.

Silence

Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

The Presider may add a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

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

All stand as able.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

[We invite you to participate in the Holy Communion in the following ways...]

If you are baptized, you receive the bread distributed in the middle aisle, and the wine by dipping your bread (host) in the wine on either side. We offer gluten-free wafers upon request. Know that your communion is still complete by receiving only the bread.

If you are not baptized or wish to participate in a different way, please come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing. You are also welcome to stay in your pew and reflect on the mystery.

We work hard to accommodate as many people as possible because this is not St. John's table nor The Episcopal Church's table. This is Jesus' table, and he desires your presence here today.]

The Presider says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY "Aria" from *Sonata IV* Elizabeth-Claude Jacquet de la Guerre (1665-1729)
Nicholas Riesen, flute & Miriam Zach, organ

DOXOLOGY *Praise God from whom all blessings flow (Old 100th)* Hymn 380, verse 3
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.

The Great Thanksgiving *The People remain standing.*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

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:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

LEVAS 252

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might,
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel as able. The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John, St. David, and all your saints, we may

enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Presider

**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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Presider says

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.

COMMUNION SOLO *2me Fugue sur un chant juif* Elsa Barraine (1910-1999)

COMMUNION HYMN *Father, we thank thee who hast planted (Rendez à Dieu)* Hymn 302

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,
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 -

Continued →

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,
 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
 Bread e-ter-nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath-ered in-to thy king-dom by thy Son.

COMMUNION HYMN

I am the bread of life

Hymn 335

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| 1 | I | am | the | bread | of | life;— | they | who |
| 2 (The) | Bread | that— | I | will | give— | is | my | |
| 3 (Un-) | less— | | you | eat— | of | the | | |
| 4 | I | am | the | re - | sur - | rec - | tion, | |
| 5 (Yes,) | Lord, | | we | be - | lieve— | that— | | |

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|---|-------|-----|------|---------|------|-------|---------|------|------|------|
| 1 | come | to | me | shall | not— | hun - | ger; | they | who | be - |
| 2 | Flesh | for | the | life | of | the | world,— | and | they | who |
| 3 | Flesh | of | the | Son | of— | Man— | | and— | | |
| 4 | I— | am | the— | life. | | They | who | be - | | |
| 5 | you— | are | the— | Christ, | | the— | | | | |

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| 1 | lieve | in | me | shall | not | thirst. | No | one | can | come | to |
| 2 | eat— | of | this | bread, | you | they | shall— | live | for | ev - | er. |
| 3 | drink— | of | his | Blood, | you | shall | not | have | life | with - | |
| 4 | lieve— | in | me, | e - | ven— | if | they | has | | | |
| 5 | Son— | of | God | who— | | | | | | | |

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|---|-------|------|------|--------|------|------|---------|--------|
| 1 | me— | un - | less | the— | Fa - | ther | draw | them. |
| 2 | ev - | er.— | they | shall— | live | for | ev - | er. |
| 3 | in | you. | you | shall | not | have | life | with - |
| 4 | die,— | | they | shall— | live | for | ev - | er. |
| 5 | come— | in - | to— | the— | | | world.— | |

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. *Final Ending*

2 The
3 Un- day.
4 —
5 Yes,

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**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.**

Presider

Dear Friends in Christ, we have been in companionship with Rachel on our journey in faith. Now their time with us is drawing to a close, so we send them forth to continue their journey.

Presider and People

O Lord, we give thanks for Rachel's time among us and for their contribution to our common life. Bless them as they go forth; be with those who leave us and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing (Sicilian)

Hymn 344

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the
joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,
tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.



The Rev. Tom Early, **Priest-in-Charge**
Rachel Thevenot, **Parish Administrator**
Emily Watts, **Parish Administrator (in training)**
Dr. Miriam Zach, **Director of Music/Organist/Pianist**
Nicholas Riesen, **Flute**
St. John's Singers
John Even & Scott Thompson, **8 AM Readers**
John & Debbie Haywood, **10 AM Readers**
Ed Gillott & Hannah Mishark, **Chalice Bearers**
Hannah Mishark, **Acolyte**
Debbie Haywood & Amy Mellies, **Sunday Vestry**
Ed & Diane Gillott, **Ushers/Greeters**
Diane Rioux & Bronwyn Frame, **Altar Guild**
Corey Mellies, **Livestreaming**

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