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**The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist Rite Two**

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

10:30 AM

Please know that this service is being live-streamed through Facebook Live,  
and those attending in person may be visible during the service.

A Prelude is Played Before The Service

ENTRANCE HYMN *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* (vv 1,2,4) H 214

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the continuation of the hymn, including the phrase 'glo - rious to his na - tive skies;'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the left hand and a melodic line in the right hand. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
\*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!  
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### 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.*



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, in the  
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## **FIRST READING: Acts 3:18-26**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*The people sit.*

<sup>18</sup> In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, <sup>20</sup> so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, <sup>21</sup> who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets. <sup>22</sup> Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you from your own people a prophet like me. You must listen to whatever he tells you. <sup>23</sup> And it will be that everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be utterly rooted out of the people.’ <sup>24</sup> And all the prophets, as many as have spoken, from Samuel and those after him, also predicted these days. <sup>25</sup> You are the descendants of the prophets and of the covenant that God gave to your ancestors, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your descendants all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ <sup>26</sup> When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you, to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*             Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 27:1–2, 4–5, 7, 10, 13–14**

1 God is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*

God is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*

it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

4 And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in God.

5 One thing have I asked of you, O God;  
one thing I seek: \*  
that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life,

7 For in the day of trouble you shall keep me safe in your shelter; \*  
you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Most High, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
you will sustain me.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13–22**

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to

suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *The Head That Once Was Crowned* (vv 1-3)        H 483

The musical score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
 2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,  
 3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,  
 4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;  
 5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,

1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
 2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;  
 3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.  
 4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.  
 5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
 though shame and death to him:  
 his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
 their everlasting theme.

**GOSPEL: Luke 14:7–14**

*All stand.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
 Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table

with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Deacon*

*People*

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON**

**The Reverend Benedict Varnum**

## THE CREED

*All stand.*

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.

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

### *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Bishop; and for all bishops and  
other ministers;  
*For all who serve God, in God's Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for John, Recia, Barbara, Elle, Brendan & children, Chris, Carol, Jill, Ben, Lorraine, family of Kayden, Shirley, Zoey, Don, Geno & family, Irene, Jean, Tom, Carol, Norma, Kevin, Carla & family, Easton, Mike, Marie, Jim, Jean, Bob, Joe, Willie, Margery and Hayden & family. Are there any others who need our prayers?

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, especially Danette, daughter of Richard Krueger, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

*Deacon:* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:**        Annika Armitage, John Zimmerman

**Anniversaries:**    Bill & Kellie Pickett, Todd & Leslie Stubbendieck, Jim &  
Judy Tomanek

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

# **The Holy Communion**

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

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

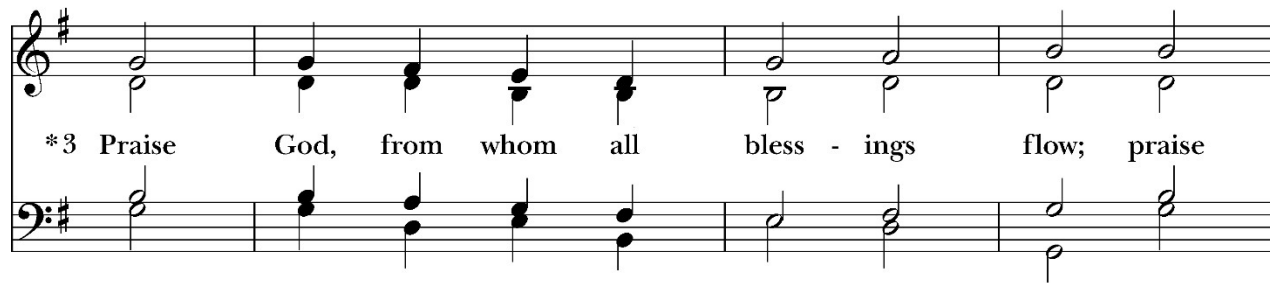
**ANTHEM**

*You Are The Christ*

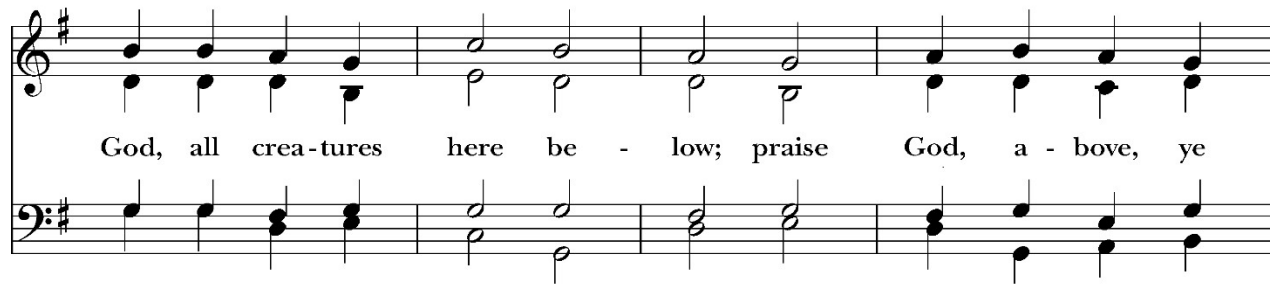
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OFFERTORY RESPONSE

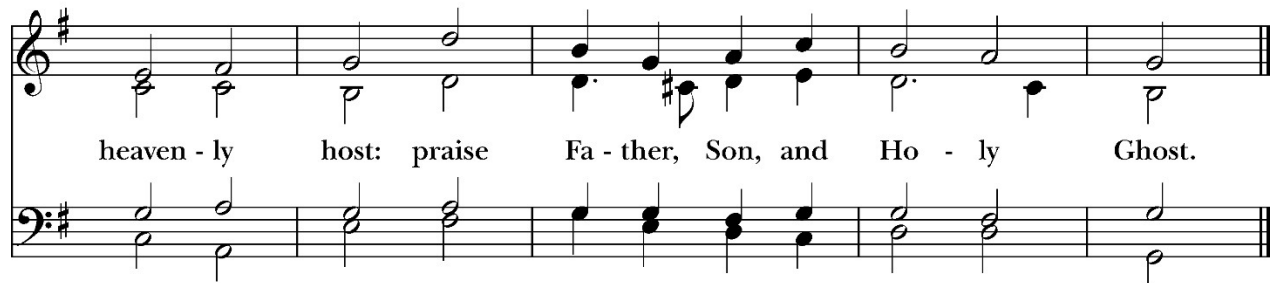
*Doxology (H 380, v3)*



\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise



God, all creatures here below; praise God, above, ye



heaven-ly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you,  
and glorify your Name, as we say,

**SANCTUS S 125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not

abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*All We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you,  
Lord our God.*

## **EPICLESIS**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs and patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St Augustine and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

*AMEN*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

#### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

#### **INVITATION**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament and immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

COMMUNION HYMN

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

H 460

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## BLESSING

Holy eternal Majesty,  
Holy incarnate Word,  
Holy abiding Spirit,  
Bless you for evermore. *Amen.*

## POST-COMM. HYMN *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* (vv 1-3) H 544

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 2 thron - to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

**DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Lift High The Cross*

Paul Manz

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Women's Brunch Hosted by Daughters of the King, Saturday, June 6**

The Daughters of the King are hosting a women's brunch Saturday, June 6 11 am-12:30. Barb Hall is this year's Woman of Honor. The Bible Study on the Story of Ruth and Naomi will begin at 11:05, so arrive early to pick your study. To help us with food numbers and to secure a gift bag for yourself, please RSVP by the end of church today, May 17. You can RSVP to Erin Vest in person (she is singing at the 9 am service, and will be in the AV booth during the 10:30 service, today May 17) or by asking the office for her email address.

### **The Special Outreach Collection for May – The Omaha Veteran's Pantry**

Since opening in October 2025, VA Nebraska-Western Iowa's [Omaha Veterans Food Pantry](#) has become an important resource for Veterans facing food insecurity, a growing challenge that impacts many Veterans. The pantry distributes bags filled with staple foods such as pasta, sauce, peanut butter, canned vegetables, fruit, and soup. Depending on donations, they also include items like snacks. There are two bag styles – one is designed for people with the tools and ability to cook, and the other is filled with items that don't require cooking. Each bag includes about \$30 of groceries. The Omaha Veterans Food Pantry is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations placed in the basket or designated to "VA Food Pantry" in the memo line of checks will go to fund this program as our May special offering. *Thank you for your support of UTO in Lent. A total of \$683.05 was collected! You also raised \$997.00 for Magdalene Omaha in April!*

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Jump Up Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

5th Graders who will be heading to 6th in the fall are invited to join Youth Group on Wednesday May 20 for dinner, outdoor fun and ice cream! We gather from 6-8 pm. We like to welcome them at the end of the year before they begin joining us in the fall! Please let Kate know if you have any questions.

### **Joint VBS at All Saints!**

Join us at All Saints Episcopal Church at 93rd and Blondo during the summer months for a combined VBS program! VBS will meet from 6:00-7:30 PM on June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, and August 5 & 19.

Each evening will begin with a community meal. The curriculum is The Abundant Life Garden Project, a creation care program, teaching participants about new life, growth and the fruit of their labor. Separate guides will be used for two groups: ages 2-6 and 1st-5th grades. Those entering grades 6-12 are invited to join All Saints youth by helping with dinner and VBS and then hanging out with friends at All Saints until 8 pm!

If you are interested in registering your child, please do so by emailing Kate Kielion at [ministries@sainta.net](mailto:ministries@sainta.net).

### **Sunday School Teachers for the Fall!**

Do you feel like you have gifts that you could share with our Youth? Have you thought about helping with our youth? If you are interested in hearing what a Sunday School Teacher, Assistant or Helper Does through the year or have already made a commitment to one of those roles please talk to Kate!

(If you aren't sure if I'm talking to you, here are some of the qualities we are looking for)

*Recommended skills:* Sense of humor, Flexibility, Patience, An open mind, Listening, Talking/Sharing, Creativity, Ability to act immature but still be responsible

*Optional Skills:* Dance Experience, Singing Ability, Guitar Strumming, Harmonica Blowing, Tambourine Shaking, Toe Tapping!

*You do not need teaching experience to be an amazing Sunday School helper/teacher!*

Thank you to everyone who has helped with our kiddos through this past year!

### **Sunday Nursery Help**

Some of our youngest members are getting old enough to enjoy playing in the nursery! To allow their parents to enjoy the church service without distraction, we would like to get a nursery volunteer rotation started again. If you enjoy reading books, coloring, singing songs, and playing games, this opportunity may be for you! With enough volunteers, we usually volunteer every 6 weeks. If you haven't already received safeguarding training, it's now online! Contact Kate Kielion, our Director of Ministries, if you would enjoy this opportunity!

### **Outreach Committee Notes from March**

Our Outreach Committee works with ministries of mercy (direct relief) and justice (awareness of how needs accumulate) and meets monthly. Our February meeting was held on Sunday, March 8, and reviewed how the Blood Drive went, plans to host breakfast with COPE (Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn), Saturday, April 18, and gathering a team for events leading up to Pride in July. If you're interested in joining the planning team for the COPE breakfast by assembling burritos Friday or serving on Saturday, or would like to join the team to plan Pride events, please contact [Kate](#). The next meeting date will be **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 AM**.

### **Learning Opportunity - Immigration**

**Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 7-8:30 pm**

The Nebraska Synod (ELCA)'s "Let's Talk" series, which seeks to "create space for thoughtful, respectful, and informed conversation, rather than debate or persuasion," is hosting a series of learning webinars in May. Each session covers a different aspect of US Immigration history and experience, concluding with conversation with local immigration centers about current needs.

<https://nebraskasynod.org/event/lets-talk-about-immigration/2026-05-05/>

### **The Elaine Randall Book Club**

The Elaine Randall Book Club, a monthly fellowship book club, will meet on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, to review **Manhattan Beach, by Jennifer Egan**. Anna Kerrigan, nearly twelve years old, accompanies her father to visit Dexter Styles, a Brooklyn gangster who, she gleans, is crucial to the survival of her father and her family. She is mesmerized by the sea beyond the house and by some charged mystery between the two men. The book is available here at church through the Omaha Public Library's Book Bag program for reading groups. For information, please contact Rhonda Vest (info available through the parish office at 402-289-4058).

### **Eagles Club Breakfast for COPE on May 31st**

The local Eagles chapter will be hosting a breakfast with raised funds assisting COPE! This breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> (the same day as our parish picnic lunch – a good day to plan some meals around church!).

### **Spring Picnic and 25 Anniversary Garden Celebration!**

#### **Sunday, May 31 Combined 10:30 AM Worship & Celebration After!**

This year, our annual end-of-year picnic will take place on **Sunday, May 31st** (this is the week AFTER Memorial Day Monday). We'll have a combined worship service at 10:30 am, followed by a picnic in and out of our parish hall (weather permitting), with some special celebrations of our parish's Hitchcock Memorial Garden's 25 anniversary. We'll provide Fried & Baked Chicken with potato & pasta salads, mashed potatoes and lettuce salad. Please bring potluck freezer friendly desserts or fruit.

### **Names for Memorial Day**

On Memorial Day, we will be listing the names of know loved ones that served in the armed forces who have died. If you would like to have a loved one added to our list for remembrance, please e-mail Fr Ben ([rector@sainta.net](mailto:rector@sainta.net)) and parish administrator Christine Roth ([parish@sainta.net](mailto:parish@sainta.net)).

### **Welcome Christine Roth!**

We have hired a new parish administrator at St Augustine's! Please take the opportunity to welcome Christine Roth as she settles in to the role. She will be training with Fr Ben and our previous administrator, Jay Hammond, over the coming weeks, and will be keeping regular office hours Monday through Thursday mornings. Please feel free to greet Chris as you're around through the week, and help us welcome her aboard! She will be available via the existing [parish@sainta.net](mailto:parish@sainta.net) e-mail, or by the office phone during office hours.

### **Camp Canterbury Registration Deadline**

The **Camp Canterbury registration deadline quickly approaching!** The last day to register is Friday, June 5th. Register your youth today to join us at camp from **July 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>** at Calvin Crest Camp in Fremont, NE. All youth who are entering 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to join us for a faith and fun-filled week. Our theme this year is **Feast with God**, as we look at ways that we encounter God through the metaphor of food. Activities at camp include swimming, crafts, indoor and outdoor games, archery, worship and programming. For more information and to register, contact Mother Lisa ([lisa@sainta.net](mailto:lisa@sainta.net)).

### **Join a St. A's group to see Mary Poppins on Sunday, 6/7, at 2:00 pm.**

Sunday, June 7 at 2 pm at Omaha Community Playhouse. Group rates (for 12 or more) are: \$34 for adults and \$24 for Students. This is a deep discount. Don't miss this performance which will appeal to the entire family. Contact person: Sandra Squires ([sandrasquires1@icloud.com](mailto:sandrasquires1@icloud.com)). All checks, made out to the Playhouse, must be collected by May 17, 2026. If you would like scholarship assistance to attend, please contact Fr Ben.

## **Save the Date**

### **May**

Sunday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:45 Outreach Meeting (Conf. Rm)
Wednesday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM Potluck and Talent Show!
Sunday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School Mother's Day Craft
Sunday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School End of Year Party!
Wednesday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last Youth Group Evening of the Year
Sunday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Eagles Breakfast For COPE
	10:30 Combined Worship & Picnic after!
	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Garden

### **June**

Saturday, June 6 <sup>th</sup>	DOK Women's Brunch
Sunday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>	2 pm Mary Poppins Fellowship Outing

<b>Ministers of the Day</b>	<b>This Week 5/17/26</b>	<b>Next Week 5/24/26</b>
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise	Joyful Noise
Musicians 10:30	Claire Easom	TBD
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Jim Lewis	Jim Lewis
Acolytes 10:30am:	Warren, Luke, Josie	Truman, Danica, Gage
10:30 am Greeter:	Vicki Luther	Vicki Luther
8:30 am Lector:	Liturgical Shepherd	Kathy Lake
10:30 am Lector	Recia Lord	Jean Lahti
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Charlene Freiberg	Kathy Lake
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Kathy Pospischal	Carol Ott
A/V Tech 8:30 am	Dave Wright	Rich Hill
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Erin Vest and Dave Wright	Alice & Joe Threlkeld