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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, October 26th, 2025
8:30 AM

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

GATHERING HYMN *I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord*

CHORUS

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I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing, I will
sing. I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mer - cies of the

VERSE

8 C *Fine* F C G

Lord. With my mouth will I make known Thy faith - ful - ness, Thy
faith - ful - ness. With my mouth will I make known Thy faith - ful - ness to all gen - er -
a - - - - - tions. I will

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant 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.*

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

The people sit.

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O Lord, for your name's sake;

our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,

why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

Thus says the Lord concerning this people:

Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the Lord does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O Lord our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 84:1-6

Remain seated.

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, *
by the side of your altars, O God of hosts,
my Ruler and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house; *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you; *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height; *
the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to Timothy.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day,

and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *For God So Loved the World* Alfred B Smith

F
D+
D7
G7
C7

For God so loved the world He gave His on - ly Son to die on Cal - v'ry's
 tree, from sin to set me free. Some day He's com - ing back, what glo - ry that will
 be! Won - der - ful His love to me.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁹[Jesus] told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE 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

All remain standing.

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 our congregation, especially for John, Recia, Barbara, Elle, Brendan & children, Chris, Carol, Jill, Danette, Ben, Lorraine, Shirley, Hannah, Nick, Zoey, Don, Sandy, John, Geno & family, Irene, Jean, Tom, Norma, Kevin, Annie, Jo, Lindsay, Jan, Will 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 in Heaven;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, 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.

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 Celebrant concludes:

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

All stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Autumn Weber

Anniversaries:

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 life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

INGATHERING AND BLESSING OF PLEDGES

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*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come Thou Fount

John Wyeth

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VERSE

G⁷

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1. Come, Thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of
2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; Hith - er by Thy help I'm come; And I
3. O, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be! Let Thy

5

C

G

C

F

C

G⁷

C

C

Em F



mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise: Teach me _ some me - lo - dious
hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home: Je - sus _ sought me when a
grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to _ wan - der, Lord, I

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F/C

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son - net, sung by _ flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the
stran - ger, wan - d'ring _ from the fold of God; He, to
feel _ it, prone to _ leave the God I love; Here's my

13

C

G

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C



mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, Lord, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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 God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 WLP 858 *Holy, holy, holy (Folk/Pruner) (American folk melody)*
Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music is in a simple, homophonic style, typical of hymn tunes. The lyrics are: 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

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*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 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.*]



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and
the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be
among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

HYMN

The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard



1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross, the —
 2. O the old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a
 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, a —
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true; Its —



em - blem of suf - fring and shame; And I love that old cross, where the
 won - drous at - trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His
 won - drous beau - ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus
 shame and re - proach glad - ly bear. Then He'll call me some day to my



dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain. So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged
 glo - ry a - bove to — bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 suf - fered and died to — par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 home far a - way, where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.



cross, — till my tro - phies at last I lay down. I will



cling to the old rug - ged cross, — and ex - change it some day for a crown. —

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Special Outreach Collection – San Andres Food Pantry

Our September collection for Episcopal Relief and Development raised \$596! For the month of October, our Outreach Committee has designated a food ministry for our neighbors. The pantry at San Andres Lutheran Church is run by one of our partner parishes in the ELCA (the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), which is in full communion with the Episcopal Church. This pantry in South Omaha focuses on a feeding ministry (over 35,000 pounds of food per year) to build community and a variety of programs, and St A's members Mike and Mary Mullen-Ferzely have been connecting with the ministry over the past year.

Episcopal 101

Sundays, November 2, 9, 16, Between Services in the Conference Room

This class is intended to help **Newcomers** to the Episcopal Church and/or St A's get to know the theology, history, and worship traditions of our church. It's a great refresher for longtime members, too, and it's a first set of classes for anyone who would like to consider **Confirmation** or **Reception** (if you've been Confirmed in another tradition) as a formal step of committing to practice your baptismal vows in the tradition and worship of the Episcopal Church.

Confirmations and Receptions will be held during Bishop Barker's annual parish visit on Feb 8th, 2026. Not quite sure what that means? That's a great sign that it's time to take this class and learn more! Fr Ben will be teaching these sessions, and can be reached with questions.

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 2nd (Observed)

Each year, All Saints Day is on November 1st, and we celebrate it the first Sunday thereafter. This is a special day for honoring those who have come before us and gone on to greater glory in death and the life to come. At St Augustine's, we have a special tradition of honoring these loved ones by writing their first names on river stones with colorful markers, and bringing these stones forward to our altar before Communion to be blessed as a part of our continuing communion with them through Jesus. This comes in part from a Jewish tradition of placing a stone on a grave in memory of a loved one, and after All Saints Day, we move these stones to our Quiet Garden's water feature. We also encourage you to invite friends or loved ones for whom it would be meaningful to remember a loved one who has died; they are very welcome to participate.

Elaine Randall Book Club

Tuesday, October 28th, 11:30-1:00

This month the ERBC will be reading *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder*, by David Grann. A Book Bag from the Omaha Public Library is available across from the kitchen serving counter; please sign up on the clipboard there to check out a copy. Newcomers always welcome!

Reconciliation Book Group (RBG) – Thursday, November 13th at 6:30 PM

We will be reading **How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States** by Daniel Immerwahr. Please contact Hannah Early-Gergol or Pam Wright with questions and if you would like to participate via Zoom.

Boo Bash Youth Halloween Party Wednesday, October 29, 6:00 PM

Calling all thrill-seekers and taco lovers! Get ready for a spooktacular night of fun and fright as our youth group transforms the Parish Hall and Sunday School Rooms into the ultimate Halloween extravaganza!

We'll have a Costume Party and Haunted Happenings Activities: Face Painting, Crafts, Games, and more! Feast: Dive into our Taco Bar ~ Toast S'mores and share spooky tales by the fire Special Attraction: Enter the "Scary Story Room" if you dare! Bring your family, bring your friends, and brace yourselves for a night of ghoulish delight! Costumes are a must, and bravery is optional in the "Scary Story Room." Let the hauntingly good times roll!

Midweek Bible Study – October: The Minor Prophets Wednesdays at 7:00 PM and Thursdays at Noon

Join us for a study on the Minor Prophets between now and the end of October. These books are not called “minor” because they are less important, but because they are brief. We will learn how these prophets speak out against idolatry and injustice and discover how they can help us move forward in the ways of justice, compassion and renewal in our world today.

Wednesday 7-8 PM	Thursday Noon-1 PM
10/15: Micah	10/16: Micah
10/22: Jonah	10/23: Jonah
<i>No Study (Boo Bash)</i>	10/30: Haggai & Zechariah

Zoom Available - Please E-mail Fr Ben for the link (rector@sainta.net)

Magdalene Market Sunday, December 7
9:30 AM-4:30 PM in the Parish Hall

We warmly invite you to join us for our Third Annual Magdalene Market on Sunday, December 7, a delightful opportunity to check off your holiday shopping list. This special event not only offers a chance to discover unique gifts crafted by talented local artisans, but it also serves as a meaningful way to support our church's outreach initiatives. All booth fee's, food purchases and raffle ticket sales are donated to Magdalene Omaha. Let us celebrate the joy of giving and sharing during this holiday season, within our beloved community. There is a [Facebook Page](#) dedicated to the event. Please share the page with your friends and family, the more shoppers, the merrier!

Interested in having a booth at this magical event? Head to our [website](#) for more information Limited booth spaces left, so act fast!

COPE Donations at Menards

For the month of October, Menards will donate purchased non-perishable food to COPE. When you are doing your regular shopping, pick up any non-perishable food in store and check out as usual. When leaving the store through the “OUT” door, locate the large box marked COPE Donations. Add your item to the box! If you forget to grab something during your shopping, never fear – cashiers will have an assortment of items on their register you can add to your order. This is only at the Elkhorn Menards. Happy Shopping and thank you for supporting COPE.

Holiday Wreath and Greenery Orders

Merry Christmas! What, it's not that time yet? Maybe not. What it is time for is ordering your Holiday wreaths and/or greenery. Prices are the same as last years and all proceeds will be donated to AFSP, The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention . Order Forms are available in the Narthex. Please return them to the church office by Sunday, November 9!

October Outreach Notes

Our Outreach Committee met on Tuesday, October 14th to review Outreach events and coordinate planning for upcoming events. We noted that Blood Drive signups are a bit light this time and speculated that it's a busy time of year. We accepted Red Cross's offer of Jan 31st for a winter Blood Drive date and noted that June was a good second month last year for a drive. We reviewed the plans for the Magdalene Omaha graduation event on 10/16. Mary Mullen-Ferzely noted that she's been able to pre-buy some canned foods for the Advent/Christmas Canned Food Tree. Julie Pendegraft offered to connect with Nancy Lary at COPE about identifying dates to do cookouts at COPE and/or St A's in 2026, so we can begin sharing a calendar event-by-event to invite people back and build connections and awareness over time. The next Outreach Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4th at 6:30 pm and by Zoom; traditionally, the November Outreach meeting sets the calendar of monthly giving partners for the coming year. For more information, please contact Fr Ben.

Nominations

In the coming weeks, we'll begin receiving nominations for parish offices for the coming year! We will need parish members to serve on the Vestry (our parish board), as Directors of our Legacy Society (a planned giving ministry for the church), and as our delegates to the Annual Council of the Diocese of Nebraska. Vestry and Legacy Society members need to be Confirmed or Received members (or willing to be Confirmed/Received at Bishop Barker's visit on February 8th, 2026, or another time). If you are curious about these positions, please contact Fr Ben or a member of our Vestry – list can be found at <http://www.sainta.net/staff--leadership.html>

Garden News!

Garden Pamphlets Updated!

A special thanks goes out to Sandra Squires and the rest of the church's Daughters of the King, who took the time and effort to re-edit our Quiet Garden's Prayer Walk pamphlet. It will be housed in a box by the garden sign, so visitors can grab a copy and recite some of the included prayers as they walk around the garden. A file copy has been sent to the bishop's office and the Quiet Garden Trust Office in England.

Fall Leaves – Date TBD

As we move into Fall, we'll be looking for a special date to gather at church, rake, and bag up leaves. Stay tuned for more details ... but our Garden Steward, Jim Keepers, would like to challenge us to have two competing teams from the parish to see who can bag up more leaves this year!

Chili Cookoff and Murder Mystery Party! Sunday, November 9th, 5 pm

Get ready for a sizzling night of suspense and spice at Chills & Thrills: Murder Mystery and Chili Cook-Off! As the tantalizing aroma of secret chili recipes fills the air, a chilling crime unfolds. Guests will compete to win the coveted title of Best Chili while also piecing together clues to solve a puzzling murder. Who in this chaotic family did the dastardly deed? Everyone's a suspect—and the heat's on in more ways than one. Join us for a night of mystery, delicious chili, and a dash of danger! This is a great event to bring a friend to, and we are challenging ourselves to bring a donation to COPE as a freewill offering for this feast! COPE's current major needs include toilet paper, large-size diapers, canned meat, canned fruit, and chunky soup.

If you would like to participate in the competition and fun by bringing a chili, please contact Kate (ministries@sainta.net).

Women with Voices "Voices of Courage" Monday, October 27, 5-8 PM

Women of our parish plan to gather to attend this event. If you would like to sit with us, meet us at 4:45, or contact Kate to let you know where we are when you arrive. The event will include ten incredible women taking the stage to share powerful stories of courage, resilience, and hope. Through their personal journeys, they will highlight the importance of suicide prevention, mental health awareness, and the strength of cancer survivors. For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact Kate Kielion.

Veterans Day Recognitions and Coffee Hour

On Sunday, November 9th, St. A's will be honoring our church veterans at both of our Sunday services. A special quilted blanket designed and created by Rhonda Vest will be presented to our veterans at each of our two Sunday services. We will be honoring 16 different church veterans, and that includes two couples. A complete listing of our veterans will follow in a later church email/bulletin. Join us in thanking these veterans for their service to our country on this special Sunday. A veteran's cake will be served during coffee hour after each service.

Save The Date

October

Sunday, October 19
Sunday, October 26
Wednesday, October 29

Vestry Meeting at Noon
Ingathering of Stewardship Pledges
Boo Bash – Halloween Party!

November

Sunday, November 2
Sunday, November 9
Sunday, November 16
Sunday, November 23

All Saints Day (observed)
Mystery Dinner / Chili Cookoff
Vestry Meeting at Noon
Advent Wreath Making

December

Wednesday, December 3
Sunday, December 7
Sunday, December 14

Wednesday, December 24

St Nicholas Feast
Magdalene Market Craft Fair
Lessons and Carols (9:30 combined)
Blue Christmas (3:00 pm)
Xmas Eve: 3 pm worship
11 pm worship w/ 10:30pm caroling

January

Sunday, January 4
Sunday, January 25

Epiphany (transferred from 1/6)
Parish Annual Meeting

Ministers of the Day	This Week 10/26/25	Next Week 11/2/25
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30	Gilbert Ward	Carole Seitz
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Erin Vest	Pam Wright
Acolytes 10:30am:	Cash, Truman, Josie	Gage, Danica, Ferris
10:30 am Greeter:	Lynette Kautz	Richard Krueger
8:30 am Lector:	Bill Smith	Barb Alf
10:30 am Lector	Jean Lahti	TBD – You?!
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Judy Tomanek	Mary Jane Smith
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Barb DiGiovanni	TBD – You?!
A/V Tech 8 :30 am	Dave Wright	Rich Hill
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Dave Wright and Ali Threlkeld	Ali and Joe Threlkeld