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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, June 30, 2024
8:30 AM

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

ENTRANCE HYMN *Great Is The Lord*

Words & Music by Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith

♩ = 60

VERSE

C Dm G²/B C² F²/A G² F C/E Dm C²



Great is the Lord, He is ho-ly and just, by His pow-er we trust in His love.

5 C Dm G²/B C² F²/A G² F C/E Dm C²



Great is the Lord, He is faith-ful and true by His mer-cy He proves He is love.

CHORUS

9 B^b/C F/C B^b/C F C/E Dm⁷ C² B^b/C F/C B^b/C F/C G/C C



Great is the Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry. Great is the Lord, and wor-thy of praise.
Great are You, Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry. Great are You, Lord, and wor-thy of praise.

13 B^b/C F/C B^b/C D G E Am ^{1.} Dm F⁶ G^{SUS} G



Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great _____ is the
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:

18 C^{SUS} C C^{SUS} C C^{SUS} C C^{SUS}



Lord! _____

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.*

GLORIA

The following is said, all standing

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 God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

The people sit.

A Reading from the First book of Samuel.

¹After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

¹⁷David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. ¹⁸(He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

¹⁹Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places!

How the mighty have fallen!

²⁰Tell it not in Gath,

proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;
or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice,
the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

²¹You mountains of Gilboa,

let there be no dew or rain upon you,
nor bounteous fields!

For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,
the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

²²From the blood of the slain,

from the fat of the mighty,
the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
nor the sword of Saul return empty.

²³Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!

In life and in death they were not divided;
they were swifter than eagles,
they were stronger than lions.

²⁴O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,

who clothed you with crimson, in luxury,
who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

²⁵How the mighty have fallen

in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.

²⁶I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;
greatly beloved were you to me;
your love to me was wonderful,
passing the love of women.

²⁷How the mighty have fallen,
and the weapons of war perished!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths have I called to you;
O God, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

² If you were to note what is done amiss, *
O God, who could stand?

³ For there is forgiveness with you, *
therefore you shall be feared.

⁴ I wait for you, O God; my soul waits for you; *
in your word is my hope.

⁵ My soul waits for you,
more than sentries for the morning, *
more than sentries for the morning.

⁶ O Israel, wait upon God, *
for with God there is mercy.

⁷ With God there is plenteous redemption; *
God shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

The people sit.

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

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.

¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *He Looked Beyond My Fault*

Words & Music by Dottie Rambo

$\text{♩} = 96$

VERSE

F/G

C

C/E

F

A - maz - ing grace shall al - ways be my song of praise,

5

for it was grace that bought my li - ber - ty. I do not

10

know just why He came to love me so, He looked be - yond my

CHORUS

15

fault and saw my need. I shall for - ev - er lift mine eyes to

20

Cal - va - ry, to view the cross where Je - sus died for me.

25

How mar - vel - ous the grace that caught my fall - ing soul.

29

C/G F/G G⁷ C

He looked be - yond my fault and saw my need.

Detailed description: A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Chords are indicated above the staff: C/G for the first two measures, F/G for the third, G7 for the fourth, and C for the fifth. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words underlined: 'He looked be - yond my fault and saw my need.' There are horizontal lines under 'saw' and 'my'.

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GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who

touched me?” ” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Reverend Lisa Aguilar

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.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers; We pray especially for: John, Recia, Jim, Judy, Hayden & family, Joey, Sadie, Evelyn, Irene, Barbara, Marge, Christian, Jami, Susie, Marilyn, Donna, Norma, Ann, Bill, Laura, Elle, Brendan, Carolyn, Chris, Carol, Jaxon, Jean, Lorraine, Jill, Michael, Roxann, Chloe, Danette, and Amy & her family. Are there any others who need our prayers?

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

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.

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 in the name of the Lord.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: David Randall and Camden Manasek

Anniversaries: Kelly & Dusten Crichton

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.*

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Search Me, O God*
 Maori Melody, Arr. by W. Elmo Merce

F Bb Bbm⁶ F C'

1. Search me, O God, _____ and know my
 2. I praise Thee, Lord, _____ for cleans - ing
 3. Lord, take my life, _____ and make it

F F⁷ Bb C⁷ C⁷⁺

heart to - day; _____ Try me O
 me from sin; _____ Ful - fill Thy
 whol - ly Thine; _____ Fill my poor

F Dm Dm⁷ G⁷ C⁷ C⁷⁺⁵

Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray; _____
 Word and make me pure with - in; _____
 heart with Thy great love di - vine; _____

F Bb Bbm⁶ F C⁷

See if there be _____ some wick - ed
 Fill me with fire _____ where once I
 Take all my will, _____ my pas - sion,

F F⁷ Bb C⁷ C⁷⁺

way in me; _____ Cleanse me from
 burned with shame; _____ Grant my de -
 self and pride; _____ I now sur -

F F/E \flat D+5 D⁷ G C⁷ F
 ev - 'ry sin and set me free. _____
 sire to mag - ni - fy Thy name. _____
 ren - der, Lord, in me a - bide. _____

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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

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



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, Almighty God, 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 God, 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 of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

COMMUNION HYMN *How Firm A Foundation* H 636



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 - ni - po - 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

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 Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

(source: Celtic)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *He Touched Me*

Words & Music by William J. Gaither

♩=64

VERSE

A⁷ A⁶ A⁹ A⁷ D D⁶ D^{♯°} A⁶ A⁷



1. Shack - led by a heav - y bur - den, _____ 'neath _ a load of
 2. Since I met this bless - ed Sav - ior, _____ since _ he cleansed and

6 A⁶ A⁷ C^{♯7} Dmaj⁷ D⁶ D⁷ Gmaj⁷ G⁶ G G^{♯°} D Dmaj⁷



guilt _ and shame. _____ Then the hand of Je - sus touched me _____
 made _ me whole. _____ I will nev - er cease to praise Him _____

CHORUS

12 D⁶ D D^{♯°} A⁶ A⁷ Em⁷ A⁶ A⁷ D



_____ and now _ I am no long - er the same. _____ He touched me _
 _____ I'll shout _ it while e - ter - ni - ty rolls. _____

18 A⁷ D^{♯9}(#11) D⁶ D D⁹ G D B⁷ E¹³



oh, He touched me. _____ And oh, the joy that floods my soul. _____

24 A⁹ A¹³ D A⁷ D D⁷ Gmaj⁷ G⁶ G^{#°}

Some - thing _ hap - pened _ and now I know, _ He

29 D Am⁶ B⁷ E⁷ A⁷ 1. D D⁶ D^{#°} 2. D D⁶

touched me _ and made _ me whole. _ whole. _

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DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

POSTLUDE *Instrumental*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST CHANCE: Special Collection Tornado Relief

After a natural disaster, it's common for there to be a surge of help and interest, followed by a steep drop-off. Our Outreach Committee is challenging St Augustine's to be part of the continuing community strength that can step into that gap and continue efforts to help, in the following ways.

- Please pray regularly for all those affected by the storms, and all those working for their recovery, that God can comfort the afflicted and inspire the strong to work together for our community's restored wholeness.

- Our June special Outreach collection will be dedicated to tornado and flood relief through a fund that has been established by COPE, our local outreach partner. COPE has also committed to applying such relief to all those affected, both in and beyond their usual operations area through west Douglas County. Talk to Rhonda Vest (parish COPE rep) or Julie Pendegrift (Outreach Chair) for info!

- Donate needed goods. COPE (20601 Elkhorn Drive, Tues-Sat, 10-2) is requesting foodstuffs in particular. The Furniture Project (10808 J Street, M-Fri 10-3, Sat 10-1) for good-condition furniture – review their website for examples, or contact Mike and Mary Ferzely-Mullen at 678-525-3214 or 2321@centurylink.net (Mary's cell & email) or at church for info!

- Volunteer with COPE. COPE regularly has volunteer shifts that can be accessed on their website, and Julie Pendegrift as our outreach chair will be scheduling some particular times for us to go and help together as a church. Stay tuned!

In May, we raised \$903.00 for Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn (COPE). A big Thank You to everyone!

Summer Office Hours Just a reminder that beginning Monday, June 3, our office hours will be 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Mondays – Thursdays

Pride Mass at Trinity Cathedral

Wednesday, July 10 at 7pm CT / 6pm MT

Trinity Cathedral (113 N. 18th St., Omaha) is excited to host their Third Annual Pride Mass on **Wednesday, July 10 at 7pm**. As in years past, the Trinity Cathedral Choir will be joined by the River City Mixed Chorus in leading music for the service. All are welcome to a joyful celebration of the Holy Eucharist as we welcome and affirm the LGBTQ+ community as children of God and celebrate their leadership in the church and world. The service will also be livestreamed on Trinity's [YouTube Channel](#).

Pride Mass at St A's!

Thursday, July 11th, 6:30 pm

This year, in addition to opportunities to join our diocese at the downtown parade and Trinity Cathedral's annual mass, we're going to hold a Pride Mass at St Augustine's. This celebration is a way of living out our baptismal covenant's vow to "Respect the Dignity of Every Human Being," (you can find the vows on page 305 of the Book of Common Prayer!), and to take one particular moment in the year to celebrate people who have often been excluded and harmed by church communities in other times, or often still are in other places today. In the face of that exclusion, we will offer the simple tools of our steady faith: readings from scripture, preaching and teaching about God's love and hope for us, and the feast of Christ's sacramental Eucharist table, with our usual broad invitation that all who feel called by the Spirit may come forward and receive Holy Communion or a blessing. You are certainly welcome to bring friends for whom this service might be particularly meaningful.

Pride Month in DioNeb

As Christians, we believe that all persons are made in God's image. So we celebrate the strides made in achieving LGBTQ+ human rights and push back against unjust laws and discrimination that continues today. This June,

consider learning about milestones in the Gay Rights Movement like the 1969 Stonewall Uprising. You may wish to join in Pride celebrations across the state, or get involved in a LGBTQ+ resource organization like Out-Nebraska. DioNeb will have a presence at Omaha Heartland Pride on *July 13, learn more here. *Correction from previous email: Omaha Heartland Pride is on **July 13**, NOT June 13.

It's Camp Canterbury!

Campers should arrive **Monday, July 15 at 3:00 PM** and pick-up is **Friday, July 19 at Noon**. Adults interested in being counselors should contact Fr. Ben. Please keep camp in your prayers as we prepare for another great year!

Elaine Randall Book Club

The Elaine Randall Book Club meets at 11:30 AM on the 4th Tuesday of the month. All Are Welcome! In July we have two selections for you to choose from: *My Name is Lucy Barton*, a short but powerful novel about love and complex relationships by author Elizabeth Strout and *Stiff*, an oddly compelling nonfiction selection from author Mary Roach that explores the strange lives of cadavers over the last two millennia. There are book bags in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, July 23 at 11:30 AM**. Please contact Nancy Vallone or Rhonda Vest with questions.

St. A's Night at the Storm Chasers

We hope you can join us on **Friday, August 9** for St. A's night at the Storm Chasers! It will be a great way to keep summer going, even though school is just starting. First pitch is at 7:00 PM and there will be fireworks after the game! As an added bonus, it's one of the Storm Chasers most popular games of the year as they play the Omaha Corn Chaser, so there will be lots of promotional giveaways!

Tickets are \$16 each. You don't have to be a member of St. A's to attend, so invite family, friends, and neighbors! Please see our weekly newsletter for the link to our reservation form. Once you have your spot(s) reserved, payments can be made by cash or check at St. A's any Sunday in June or July. We never want to be a barrier to participation, if you (and/or your family) need help to attend this event, please let us know by emailing ministries@sainta.net

Support Youth Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

Katelyn Ellsworth is taking a mission trip with our diocese to the Dominican Republic in July. She is raising funds after today's service during coffee hour. She is selling "stocks" on her trip for \$25 each. To buy a "stock", she needs your phone number, name, email, and a check for the amount of money or donating directed to James and Rebecca Ellsworth. By buying these "stocks", you become a "shareholder" in her trip. In August, the kids who go on the trip prepare a Dominican meal, and share pictures and stories. The "shareholders" who purchased "stocks" are invited to this event.

Education for Ministry Online

The Diocese of Nebraska offers Education for Ministry (EfM), a 4-year study for adults, meets for 36 meetings per year via Zoom. This Zoom-based group serves primarily Western and West Central Nebraska plus churches that do not have an EfM group. The co-mentors are Sandra Squires (Sandra.k.squires76@gmail.com) and Tammy Lassen (kittykat-lasrn64@gmail.com) The day of group meetings will be announced once our group is formed. The cost for a full year of tuition is \$355 or about \$10 per session. Individuals are responsible for buying their own books, but a Reading and Resource Guide for EfM is included in tuition costs. Anyone with questions can ask Sandra or contact her at the above email or by phone at 402-536-9781.

Veterans' Bench Update

Visit with a Veteran has reached its goal!

Thanks to the generous support from St. Augustine's and our community, Peter Rygg has received his goal to raise \$5,000 for the purchase, installation, and dedication ceremony for two Veterans benches for St/ A's Hitchcock Memorial Garden and Prayer Walk as a place where veterans and non-veterans can gather to share time and stories with one another and the youth of our community.

Peter's next steps will be to purchase the benches and organize the dedication ceremony, which will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2024 after the 10:30 AM service. Everyone is welcome to attend, and all St. A's veterans are asked to contact Jim Keepers so you can be invited to the bench dedication. Please include rank and branch of service.

Thank you to everyone for your support of this project!

New Storage House and Flagpole Removal

Special thanks go to Mike Ehinger, St. A's Jr. Warden, for constructions of the new storage house for our outdoor grill. Mike was asked to construct a structure to protect the blackstone and definitely delivered! The house has doors in the front allowing the grill to be accessed as needed for cooking.

Additionally, a special thanks goes out to Grant, Tom, Matt and Mike for volunteering to help remove the storage house from Mike's trailer and position it on the concrete slab behind the kitchen (under Kate's direction, of course!).

Did you know St. A's had a flag pole behind the north side of Morgan Hall (the garage)? The pole has been in that location for a number of years and in

that time become covered with weeds and grass. Another special thanks goes out to Mike for getting it removed with some assistance from Grant, Tom, Mike, and Matt. This strong group of individuals removed the pole from the ground and lifted it into Mike's trailer. Great job, gentlemen!

Hitchcock Foundation Grant

Jim Keepers, St. A's Garden Steward, is pleased to announce that St. A's has received a 2024 Hitchcock Foundation Garden grant for \$5,000. These funds can only be spent on the garden items specified in the original grant proposal which was submitted last November and awarded in June. The grant allows us to accomplish specific actions to improve the church's grounds that we would not have been able to do because of this year's budget limitations.

A special thanks goes out to Dave Randall and Mark Chaves for assuming the duties of church lawn mowers and Jim Pearson for taking care of the water feature and the trimming around all the beds, trees and the north fence in the garden. Thanks also to Mary Mullen-Ferzely for volunteering to become the church's official Wednesday "Stick Picker Upper" with the help of Mike, that special person in her life. Thanks also to those you donated Hostas and perennials for the garden beds this spring. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated, especially Jim's wife Trish, who is always ready to pull weeds and help clean up after shrub pruning>

June Vestry Notes

On June 9th, our Vestry met for a special meeting that covered quite a bit. In addition to our regular review of financial reports, the Vestry:

- Elected Hannah Early as our Clerk for the year
- Heard about the beginning of a staff review process that is being conducted with help from parish member Mike Ferzely-Mullen.
- Reviewed our current staff-insurance arrangements in particular detail
- Reviewed our committee leadership needs both at present and over the coming 12 months

The Vestry also brainstormed and selected some specific goals:

- Hold an Instructed Eucharist on Sep 22nd (explain each part of the service as we go)
- Create a mailer and call list at July Vestry to invite both regular and less-frequent members to Kickoff Sunday on August 18th
- Create a for-the-public trifold flyer about our church by July Vestry for events like blood drives and new member packets
- Hold a meeting in July/August to plan Bible Study and class opportunities for working-people, led by Carrye Fassero, Hannah Early, and Pam Wright
- Hannah Early will present a plan at July Vestry about video/written testimonials about our church
- Parish Staff will meet this summer to review and create a plan for Wednesday evening programs across all ages over the Sep 2024 - May 2025 program year

Please hold our Vestry and church in prayer as we begin these projects and look to the year ahead!

Save The Date

Monday, July 1	Daughters of the King
Thursday, July 4	Independence Day
Wednesday, July 10	Pride Mass @ Trinity Cathedral
Thursday, July 11	St. A's Pride Mass
Friday, July 12	Men's Bible Study
Saturday, July 13	Omaha Heartland Pride Parade (DioNeb)
Sunday, July 14	Vestry Meeting
Monday, July 15	Daughters of the King
Mon., July 15 - Fri., July 19	Camp Canterbury
Friday, July 19	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday, July 23	Elaine Randall Book Club
Friday, July 26	Men's Bible Study
Monday, August 5	Daughters of the King
Friday, August 9	Men's Bible Study St A's Night at the Storm Chasers
Friday, August 16	Men's Bible Study
Sunday, August 18	Kick-off Sunday
Monday, August 19	Daughters of the King

Ministers of the Day	This Week 06/30/2024	Next Week 07/07/2024
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30	Claire Eason	Gilbert Ward
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Erin Vest	Pam Wright
Acolytes 10:30am:	Summer Break	Summer Break
10:30 am Greeter:	Jean Lahti	Kathy Pospichal
8:30 am Lector:	Judy Tomanek	Bill Smith
10:30 am Lector	Erin Vest	OPEN
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Mary Jane Smith	Kathy Lake
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Carol Ott	Kathy Pospichal
A/V Tech 8 :30 am	Rich Hill	Dave Wright
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Jay Hammond Alice Threlkeld	Dave Wright Erin Vest