



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 1, 2023



As you enter the nave—our worship space—we ask that you remember this room is holy: Set apart for prayer and praise. Please enter this space with reverence and keep silence, so that you may quiet your mind and be prepared for worship.

H82 is the shorter hymnal which says “The Hymnal 1982” on the front and spine.
ELW is the slightly taller hymnal which says “Worship” on the spine.

PRELUDE

— *All stand as the bell is tolled.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”* **ELW #557**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *in front section of H82 #S 280*

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All **Amen**

— *All are seated.*

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be God.

Psalm 25:1-8

Said by all in unison

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be God**

— *All stand.*

GRADUAL HYMN *“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”* **ELW #660**

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

— *All are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

SERMON *Rev. Dr. Jim Bullion*

— *A moment of silence and reflection is observed. All stand with the Presider.*

NICENE CREED

All **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

— *All stand or kneel.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

After each petition:

Intercessor Merciful God,

All **Receive Our Prayer.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect. All respond ‘Amen’.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

All **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.**

Presider 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.

All **Amen**

— *All stand.*

PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to greet one another with the peace of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Alms basins will be passed during the Offertory. If you don't carry cash or a check, you can give online at our website, or by texting "give" to 229.384.0050. Thank you for your generosity!

— *All stand.*

OFFERTORY CANTICLE *"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"* *Old Hundreth*

All **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING – PREFACE

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing,...for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

GREAT THANKSGIVING – SANCTUS *in front section of H82 #S 125*

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

— *All stand or kneel.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B *BCP pg. 368*

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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**

FRACTION ANTHEM *"My Flesh Is Food Indeed"* *in front section of H82 #S 169*

Cantor My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

All **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

Cantor Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.

All **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

INVITATION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

— *All are seated.*

HOLY COMMUNION

At the direction of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion from the center aisle. Please place your hands open in front of you to receive the bread. If you wish to receive wine from the common cup (chalice) or if you wish to receive it by having the bread dipped and placed on your tongue (intinction), please move to the chalice administrator standing off to the side. You may either stand or kneel at the Altar rail for the Chalice.

COMMUNION HYMN I **"Strengthen for Service, Lord"** **H82 #312**

COMMUNION HYMN II **"'Tis the Gift to Be Simple"** **H82 #554**

— *All stand at the direction of the Presider.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

BLESSING

The Presider proclaims God's blessing. All respond 'Amen'.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: **"All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"** **ELW #835**

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall next door following the worship service.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Oct. 8 - Morning Prayer II 10:00 AM
Vestry Meeting 11:00 AM
Blessing of the Animals 2:00 PM
Oct. 14 - Ordination of Gabriel Lawrence 2:00 PM
Reception for Gabriel 3:00 PM
Oct. 15 - Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM
Oct. 16 - Men's Steak Night 6:00 PM
Oct. 22 - Morning Prayer II 10:00 AM
Oct. 23 - St. Clare's Kitchen – 10:00 AM
Oct. 29 – Reformation Sunday 10:00 AM

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Bring your pets for a special blessing on Sunday, October 8th at 2:00.

ORDINATION NEWS - Make plans to attend the Ordination of Gabriel Lawrence on Saturday, October 14th with a Reception following in the Parish Hall.

PARISH PHOTOS - Tony Moreschi, our Parish Photographer, are taking pictures for our Church Directory. Please sign up for a photo session with Tony. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON – Save the date! Plan to be here on Sunday, November 5th for a special Stewardship Luncheon. In place of our usual First Sunday Brunch, you will be treated to gourmet luncheon fare with no work from you! More details to follow during the coming weeks.

ST. PATRICK’S CHOIR | Would you like a place in the Choir? Choir practice is at 6pm on Wednesdays and 9:15 am Sunday mornings, and all are welcome. Come and sing with us – we have a seat for you!

NURSERY | Our Nursery is available during the Sunday morning service on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Sundays of each month.

FLOWER GUILD | Do you like to arrange flowers, or would you like to learn how? Become a part of the Flower Guild! No experience necessary! If interested, talk with Celie Hogue or Trish Moreschi.

BACK FORTY | The Men of the Back Forty are looking for volunteers to help with the ground maintenance. If you are able, please contact Joe Wingard.

GIRL SCOUTS | Troop 40276 meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Hall. They also have a camp-out planned for Nov. 3-4.

SUPPLY PRIEST SCHEDULING | Below are the dates we have been able to secure a supply priest and who they are. If a date is not listed below, we are yet unable to schedule someone. Our Senior Warden will continue to look for supply for the open Sundays, and will also work with the available clergy to schedule 2024 within the next two months.

October 1 & 15, Fr. Jim | October 29, Mtr. Tar

November 5, 12, 19 & 26, Fr. Jim | December 3, 10, 17 & 31, Fr. Jim

CHILDREN’S CHURCH | Every Sunday at 10a during the first half of our worship service children are invited to Sunday School in the Children’s Classroom of the Parish Hall building. Here they will learn and do activities related to the lessons for that Sunday, and then they will return to worship with us beginning at the Offertory!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED | Ramen Noodles, Tuna Fish, Sliced Bread and Detergent for clothes.

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY:

1st – Ruth Fountain **5th** – Carol Wilch **13th** – Evelyn Clements **25th** – LeConte Talley III **27th** – Tina Burney
29th – David Hogue

BIRTHDAY:

1st – Anne Northrop, Jo Anne Tanner **3rd** – Emmanuella Okafor **10th** – Uzoma Okafor **11th** – Libby Sisson
14th – Jane Braun, Bunny Hamlin **23rd** – Amanda Clements, James Goodin **24th** – Jordyn Janae **25th** – Sam Stringer **26th** – Bob Baranko **29th** – Jackie Driggers

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

7th – Daniel & Annie Vanoteghem **22nd** – Ian & Donna Sakura-Lemessy **23rd** – Frank & Sam Jones **28th** – John & Barbara Cumbee

Crystal Webb, Martha Holloway, Stephen K., Ray M., Mark Brunson, Bonnie Hough, Donna Timmons, Frank Acosta, Jan Ranew, Mara Owens, Angel Kraus, Dante Walker, Doris Alley, Cheryl Girtman, Susan Cochran, Lana Blackwell, Bill Nordstrom, Hugh Waters, Loring Gray, Carmel Taylor, Christopher Bevington, Sue Jerina, Julie Bravo, Missy Simmons, Myra Hundley, Jeff Williamson, Michael Brunson, Stephen J., Butch Tiell, Elsbeth Hebert, the Wingo Family, Stacey Fleming-Weeks, Vivian Fleming, M. Johnson, David Hogue, Shavonya Wade, Steve Williams, Gary Shafer, Sue Young, Jessie, Ann Young, Jackie Powell, Steve & Nancy Jackson, Michael Price, Steve Tanner, Jessica Thompson, Micki Hundley Addleman, Donna Prescott, Maxx Bourgeault, Savannah Esway, Jay Howard & Family, Jim Howard, Al Seely-Wilson, and Evie Tsasis.

<u>SERVING IN WORSHIP</u>	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
COFFEE HOUR:	First Sunday Bruch	Aida and Bob Cerney
ALTAR GUILD:	Eloise Talley, Barb Strickland, Carol Wilch	Eloise Talley, Barb Strickland, Carol Wilch
NURSERY ATTENDENTS	Marian White, Toyin Okafor	
OFFERTORY BEARERS:	Nancy & John Griffin	
GREETERS:	Nancy & John Griffin	Aida Cerney
USHERS:	Bob Cerney, Loretta Williamson	Loretta & Brian Williamson
A/V TEAM:	Lucas Wingard	Lucas Wingard
READERS:	Tracy Stringer	Steve Kender
ACOLYTES:	Bob Baranko	
CHALICE ADMINISTRATOR:	Sam Stringer	
VERGER:	Carolyn Brunson	Lamon Brand

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