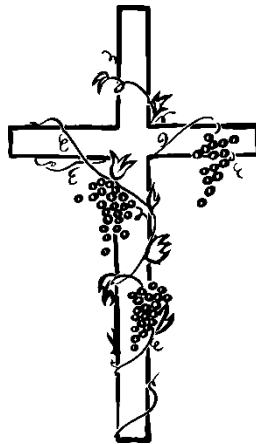




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Fifth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, April 28, 2024
10:30 AM

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

PRELUDE *Prelude VI: The King of Love*

Charles V. Stanford

ENTRANCE HYMN *God is Love, let heaven adore him* H 379



1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all



earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE *Glory to God S 280*

The following is sung, all standing

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.)

²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court

official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 22:24-30

Remain seated.

²⁴ My praise is of you in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek you shall praise you: *
“May your heart live for ever!”

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.

²⁷ For yours is the royal power, O God; *
you rule over the nations.

²⁸ To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before you.

²⁹ My soul shall live for you;
my descendants shall serve you; *
they shall be known as yours for ever.

³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that you have done.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

The people sit.

A Reading from the First letter of John.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know

God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *What wondrous love is this*

H 439

All stand.

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray especially for: John, Recia, Jim, Judy, Hayden, Amy, Joey, Sadie, Evelyn, Irene, Barbara, Marge, Christian, Jami, Susie, Marilyn, Donna, Norma, Ann, Bill, Laura, Elle, Brendan, Randy, Chris, Carol, Jaxon, Bruce & family, Jean, and Lorraine. Are there any others who need our prayers?

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Priest stands and says

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *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

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
 in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
 the evil we have done,
 and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. 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: Ada McClure and Rhonda Vest

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.*

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *For The Least of My Brothers*

Dolores M. Hruby

Offered by the Canterbury Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA *Lift up your hearts* **S 120**

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)

S 125



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

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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.

Celebrant and People

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

EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

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 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,

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.

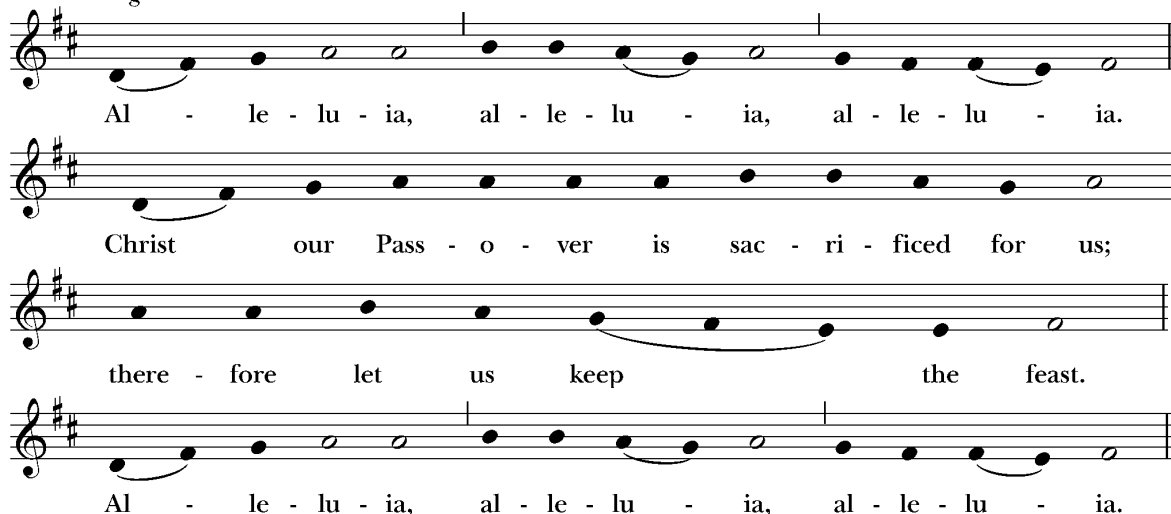
The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ our Passover

S 154

This setting is not used in Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then 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 *One Bread, One Body* WLP 761



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see that God is good.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

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

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing* H 344



1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

DISMISSAL

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Collection for April

In April our special collection is designated to purchase a 7 week supply (estimate cost \$500) of milk for Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn (COPE). Our own Dough Boys coordinate the delivery of 25 gallons of milk per week to COPE as they have for the last 28 weeks. In total, they have delivered 875 gallons of milk to help families and individual experiencing food (and milk) insecurity.

In March we raised \$873.30 to benefit United Thank Offering (UTO). If you forgot to bring your “blue box” to our ingathering on April 7, you can still drop them off at the church office. Thank you everyone for your generosity!

Icons in Transition Exhibit at All Saints Episcopal Church

Experience the mystery and spiritual powers of religious icons transformed into art **April 14 – June 9**. This is a rare opportunity to view the works of acclaimed abstract expressionist artist Ludmilla Pawlowska as well as traditional Russian icons from the Vassilevsky Monastery.

Episcopal 101 for Children (grades 1-5)

During our Wednesday evening programming, all children grades 1-5 are invited to participate in Episcopal 101. We will gather for four weeks, beginning **April 17th from 6:20-7:00 PM** to learn about the mystery of baptism as an outward sign of our Christian faith. If your child is a in Boys Scouts of America or Girls Scouts, this class will fulfill the requirements to earn the Religious Emblem: God & Me.

Tuesday Bible Study:

April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21

Tuesdays at Noon

Our next Tuesday Bible Study will cover the Book of Acts. The Acts of the Apostles is a bit of a "sequel" to the Gospels ... specifically, it's believed to be written by the same author as Luke, and scholars sometimes refer to them together as "Luke-Acts." Our sessions will be a chance for us to learn about the growth, witness, and decisions of the early church, and the lives of some key figures like Peter and Paul. Feel free to bring a brown-bag lunch and join us as you're able!

Topics:

April 30: **The Beginning Church (read Acts 3-6)**

May 7: Peter, Philip, and Stephen (read Acts 7-12)

May 14: Paul Part 1 (read Acts 13-15)

May 21: Paul Part 2 (read Acts 16-28)

You can also join the Weekly Zoom Meeting (same link each week)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84255401735?pwd=ZzF1Z2dWelVkRVUrR1JGMWpQQThpQT09>

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Details Near Resurrection

Sunday, May 5th, at Coffee Hour

About five minutes in, last summer's blockbuster Barbie movie has its protagonist heroine break expectations by interrupting her plastic-smiling friends to ask, "Do you guys ever think about dying?"

Most of us really do prefer not to dwell a lot on those details. However, when it comes time to hold a funeral and celebrate someone's life, one of the most frequent things I hear is gratitude that someone made plans and left instructions.

On **Sunday, May 5th**, please feel free to join us after each service for a chance to talk about some of the things we do at the end of our lives. We'll have funeral planning instructions for memorials here at St Augustine's, comments about what sort of documents it's helpful to keep organized for family, information about legacy planning, and information about hospice medicine and palliative care. We want to give you a chance to fill out your Details Near Resurrection, either that morning or as a take-home packet you can think over and bring back to church.

Camp Sunday is May 5 in between services!

Registration of Camp Canterbury opens on the first Sunday of May (May 5) at 7:00 AM. This year's theme is Holy Misfits and we'll be hearing about the unlikely people that God called into the story of God's people, and celebrating our gathered misfits as well! Registration is first-come, first-served. Questions may go to Fr. Ben, our Camp Director! This year, we also want to let families and youth know we'll have campers check in any cell phones they bring with them to help us all be in the moment at camp. Phones and devices will be locked up and returned to camped at Thursday rest hour.

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!

2024 COPE Classic Golf Tournament

Registration is now open for this annual 18 hole, four-person scramble golf event on **Thursday, May 9**. Proceeds will benefit the Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn (COPE). We will be playing the Tiburon Golf Course at 10302 S. 186th St. and teeing off at 11:30 AM.

Combined Service and Pentecost Celebration!

Pentecost is often called ‘the birthday of the Church,’ because the Holy Spirit coming down on the disciples and giving them the gifts they needed to share the message of Jesus with the world. This year on Pentecost Sunday, **May 19**, we will celebrate the Feast Day with a **combined service at 10:30 AM** and revive the church tradition from several years ago – the Pentecost Picnic! The Parish Life Committee has invited us to potluck this party, spill out from the Parish Hall onto the green space towards the playground, and share favorite recipes and meet more people from church! There will be great food and fun activities for kids.

We’ll hold a single combined service at 10:30 AM that day (NO 8:30 service!) as a way to gather our whole community together. Hope to see you there!

Youth Group Collecting Personal Care Items

Our Youth Group is collecting Personal Care Products for COPE (Christian Outreach Program Elkhorn) At Youth Group this week, they decorated a bin and some signs and are ready to collect!

They are looking for shampoo & conditioner, soap, razors, menstrual products, adult diapers, nail files & clippers, toothbrushes & toothpaste, combs, brushes, etc. Please bring your products and place them in or around the bin just inside the narthex. Thank You!!!!

Breakfast Benefitting C.O.P.E.

Make plans to enjoy a delicious cooked to order breakfast to benefit the Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn (COPE) on **Sunday, May 19 from 8:30 AM until Noon at the Eagles Club (20276 Wirt Street)**. Proceeds go to helping families and individuals in western Douglas County.

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 May we are reading two literary classics *A Tale of Two Cities* and *Great Expectations* both by Charles Dickens. There are book bags in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is **Tuesday May 28 at 11:30 AM**. Please contact Nancy Vallone or Rhonda Vest with questions.

Honoring Women Luncheon

On **Saturday, June 1** from **11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**, the Daughters of the King are hosting their annual lunch event for the women and girls of our parish. This year's guests of honor will be Heidi and Abby Sommer! Please join us in celebrating these remarkable community members (and don't forget to RSVP by May 15 to Carol Ott (cdianneott@gmail.com) or phone 402-469-9264) to receive a gift bag!

Searching for Craft Fair Organizers

We are on the hunt for a few organized souls to help make this year's holiday craft fair/market/partnership with Magdalene Omaha a smashing success. Contact Kate at ministries@sainta.net to add your name to the list!

Children's Storytime at Wednesday Night Dinner

Children 5th grade and younger are invited to participate in songs, stories and God's love! We will meet from about 6:20-6:40 PM after the Wednesday Night Dinner in one of the Sunday School rooms. If you enjoy songs and stories and are interested in working with our children during this time, please email Mtr. Lisa (lisa@sainta.net).

Sustainable Progress RRSJ Conference Special Rate June 5th and 6th

The Tri-Faith Initiative has launched the registration for its third annual Race, Religion, and Social Justice Conference, which will be held June 5th and 6th this coming summer on the Tri-Faith campus. Their keynote speaker and panelists will include the Rev Travi D. Blackmon, Robert P Jones, Azza Karam, and Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, and workshops throughout the two days will feature people involved in many kinds of projects, including two from our Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska's Racial Reconciliation ministries! This is a really concentrated group of experts and leaders, and it's a great chance to dream big about what God's world can look like.

Members of our parish have attended and appreciated this conference over the past two years, and our Outreach Committee recommends it as one of the ways we can live out our mission to "be a growing, faithful, inclusive, and caring community committed to the ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ." Please note that the registration page also has instructions for **receiving a scholarship** from Tri-Faith for the event if cost is an issue, and you will still be able to attend. (St Augustine's will be able to coordinate a partial contribution based on our utilization of the scholarship). Please let Fr Ben know if you do register for the Conference, as we will try to coordinate with our St A's group to have lunch together during the day and share our insights!

Registration is at: <https://www.trifaith.org/rrsj-24/>

Pick Up Sticks Every Wednesday

Our church garden is in desperate need of a volunteer to pick up tree sticks (branches) every Wednesday. Our garden River Birch trees have a tendency to lose their branches in the church garden every time the wind blows. These sticks need to be picked up so our great mowing team of Dave and Mark can cut the church garden lawn at the end of each week. Also, when we have a strong wind time needs to be spent picking up the fallen branches that cover the church's garden beds, lawn and sidewalks.

Our prior stick picker upper has returned to her old church so that is why we are in a desperate need of one of our church members to assume these duties. The River Birch trees in questioned are located in the berm with the garden sign (Decon Pat's Garden) and the three trees on the east side of the garden behind the Del Morgan Pet Memorial Garden. The branches collected can be put into the dumpster or stacked in a pile by the tree next to the Memorial Garden.

This is not a hard task but does take some time and energy. Having the branches removed will save Dave and Mark mowing time and help to keep the lawn mower blades sharp. Age, sex, height, weight, male or female are not a hinderance for this task.

So, if you would like to help out in our church garden and don't enjoy pulling weeds or mulching, this task will allow you to help our garden look great. You will also have the opportunity to spend some time meditating in a very quiet garden space. Please contact Jim Keepers at 402-618-8837 or email him at jlkeepers45@gmail.com if you are willing and able to volunteer for this church garden task. "Lets keep our church garden looking clean and beautiful."

Thank you for the Hostas!

A special thanks goes out to Pamula and David Wright for their generous donations of Hosta plants for the church's Hitchcock Memorial Garden and Prayer Walk. I talked to Pam and Dave after services this past Sunday and told them about the need for Hosta plants for the church's garden. Pam said her Hosta plants needed to be divided and Dave said he would gladly give her moral support. So, Pam did the dividing and I stopped by their place this past Monday to pick up the plants. I figured there would only be a few plants but to my surprised, Pam had dug up so many plants and they were so large that I could hardly lift them.

We planted a total of 82 Hosta plants to put into the ground, water and spry with rabbit spray. We still have room for additional Hosta plants in this one church garden bed. So, if you have any to donate, please contact Jim Keepers at 402-618-8837 or email him at jlkeepers@gmail.com. You will still need to dig up the plants yourself.

Cross Repair and Replanting

The strong winds we had last two weeks ago had managed to take down the wooden cross in the Pat Morgan 'Water Fall Garden'. This was the cross that Jim & Judy's son had made and installed in this garden a number of years ago. In addition to the wind's action, age and water had caused the bottom of the cross to rot off at its base.

With the help of the Tomanek crew and Judy's loving care the rot on the bottom of the cross was cut off the base was treated for rot and a new base was established in the ground for the cross. The cross was then raised by the crew into the new base and concrete sealed it into the base. Because of the actions of the Tomanek Crew, our "Water Fall Garden" cross will stand the test of time for a number of years.

February Vestry Notes

Our February Vestry meeting was a chance to welcome our new members, Barb DiGiovanni and Hannah Early. We re-elected Maggie Wellman as our treasurer for the year and elected Jean Lahti to serve as clerk for the February meeting. Bishop Barker greeted us and was very encouraging of our growing and active parish. The Vestry spent time reviewing our financial statements in detail and discussed our communications with the City of Omaha about a small sinkhole that has appeared in the public right of way northwest of our space. We are planning for a vestry retreat in March to discuss our major goals and projects for the year.

Save The Date

Sunday, April 28	Youth Sunday
Tuesday, April 30	Noon Bible Study
Friday, May 3	Men's Bible Study
Saturday, May 4	Blood Drive
Sunday, May 5	Camp Sunday! Details Near Resurrection
Thursday, May 9	COPE Golf Tournament
Sunday, May 12	Breast Cancer Support Group
Sunday, May 19	Celebrate Pentecost with a Combined Service at 10:30 AM followed by a Picnic
Tuesday, May 28	Elaine Randall Book Club
Saturday, June 1	Honoring Women Luncheon
Th. & F, June 5 & 6	Race, Religion and Reconciliation Conference @ Tri-Faith Campus

Ministers of the Day	This Week 04/28/2024	Next Week 05/05/2024
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30	Sally Hodges Canterbury Choir	Carole Seitz Canterbury Choir
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Erin Vest	Pam Wright
Acolytes 10:30am:	Cole Fogarty Danica Suhr Gage Suhr	Truman Stubbendieck Cash Stubbendieck Nathan Pasko
10:30 am Greeter:	Leslie Lewis	Lynette Kautz
8:30 am Lector:	Kathy Lake	Pam Wright
10:30 am Lector	Cash Stubbendieck Truman Stubbendieck Josie Aguilar	Jean Lahti
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Carol Ott	Mary Jane Smith
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Kathy Pospichal	OPEN
A/V Tech 8 :30 am	Dave Wright	Rich Hill
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Dave Wright Alice Threlkeld	Rich Hill Sophia Messineo