

Sunday, August 22nd, 2021
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00am and 10:30am

Holy Eucharist Enriching Our Worship



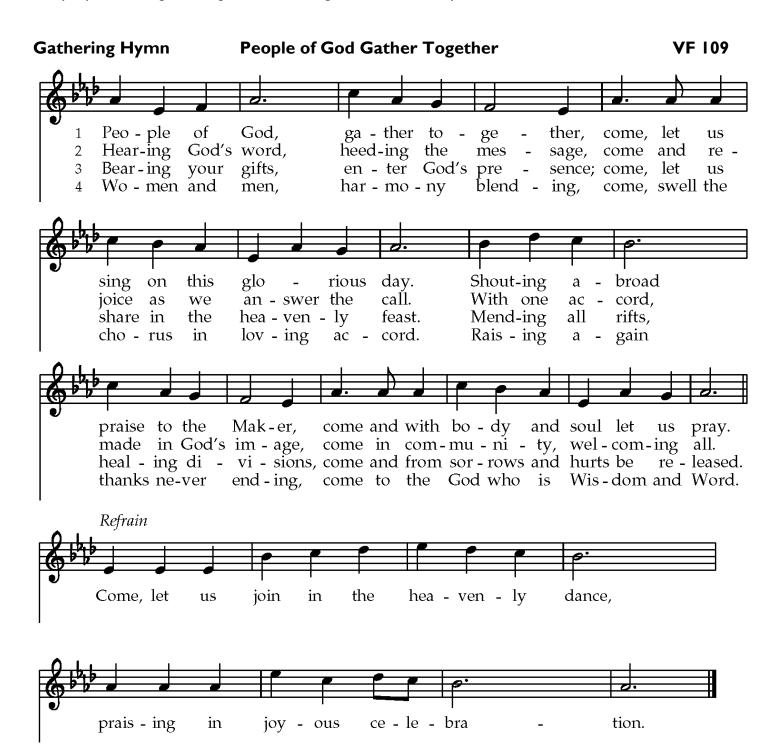
Prelude

Open My Eyes Clara H. Scott, arr. Victor L. Gumma Mary Ann Kinder and Linda Carter, handbells

Welcome

We Gather

The people of God gather together. A bell rings out. Silence is kept.



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Opening Acclamations

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy and living God. People: Glory to God forever and ever.

Collect for Purity

Presider: 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.

People: Amen.





The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.
People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever

and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Reading

Reader: A reading from the Book of Kings.

24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the / righteous, and his ears are open to their / cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do / evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the / earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord / hears them and delivers them from all their / troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the broken/hearted and will save those whose spirits are / crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the / righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them / all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his / bones; not one of them shall be / broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the / wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be / punished.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his / servants, and none will be punished who trust in / him.

The Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

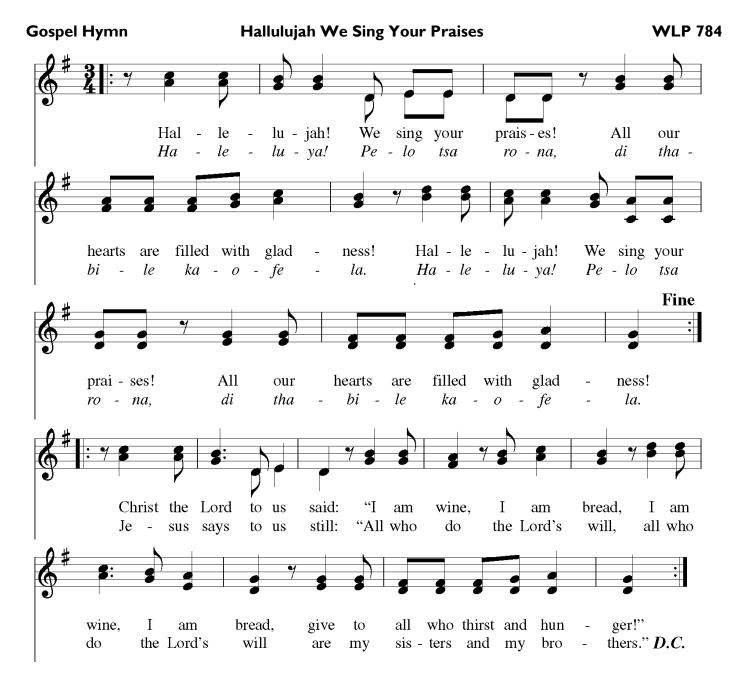
6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



The Gospel

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

6:56-69

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first

who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti

Today's sermon is a children's sermon. All children are invited to come to the front and sit with Rev. Laurie+. It is important to note that children's sermons speak to <u>all</u> ages. They animate Jesus' essential messages for us through our human senses.

The Nicene Creed

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 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. 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.

Prayers of the People

Presider: As a gathered community of God's people, let us offer intercessions for the world and those

in every need, responding with "Hear our prayer."

After each petition, the People respond People: **Hear our prayer.**

Then, the Presider continues

Presider: Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in

the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes for Jesus' sake.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin

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

Silence is kept for a time.

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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

Blessing of the Backpacks

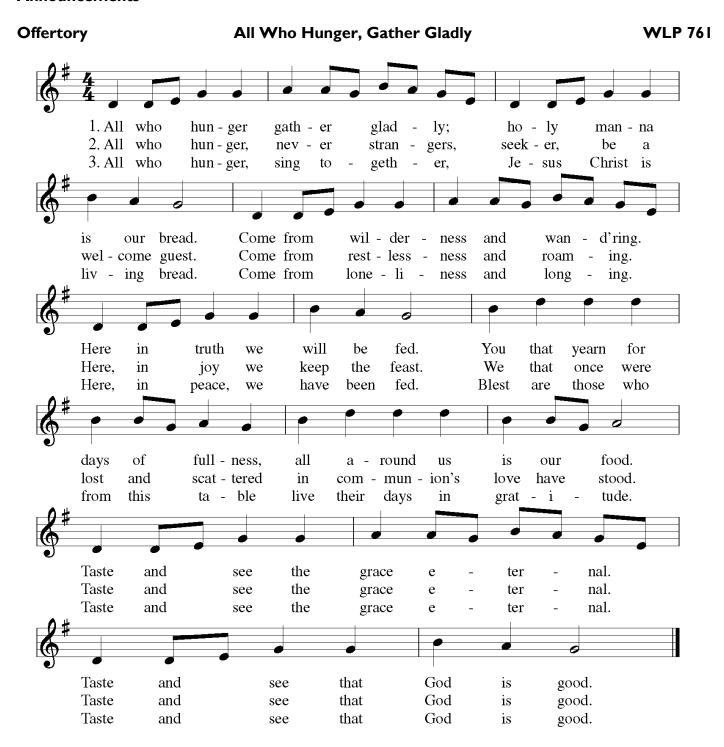
Anyone of any age who is starting an academic year may gather in the chancel with backpacks or supplies.

Presider:

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers. Today we give you thanks for these your children, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. Amen.

Blessing of the Erasers

Announcements



Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

During the 8:30 worship service, all are invited to gather around the altar for the Eucharistic prayer and return to your seat after receiving Communion.

The Holy Communion

Presider: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: All thanks and praise

are yours at all times and in all places,

our true and loving God;

through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,

the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

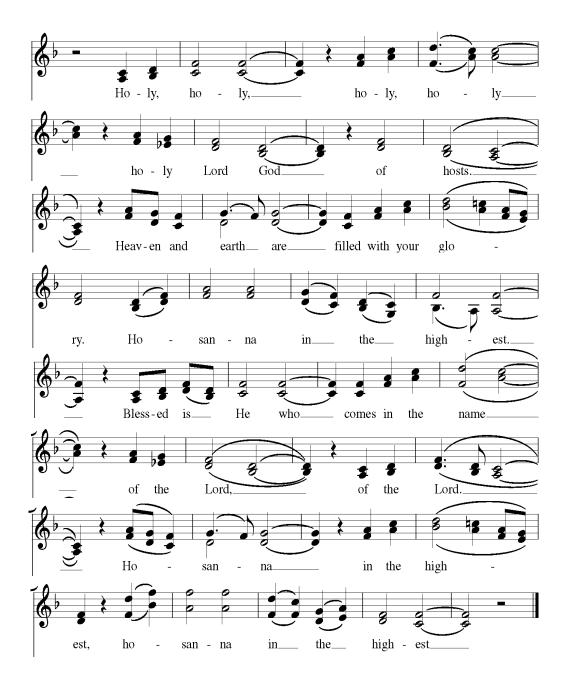
You laid the foundations of the world

and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;

You brought forth all creatures of the earth

and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



Presider: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider:

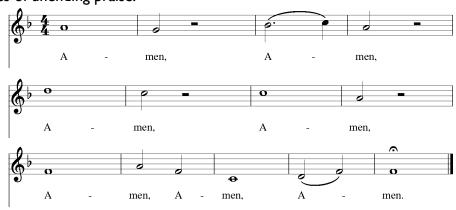
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with St. Francis and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

And then we sing



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

People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will

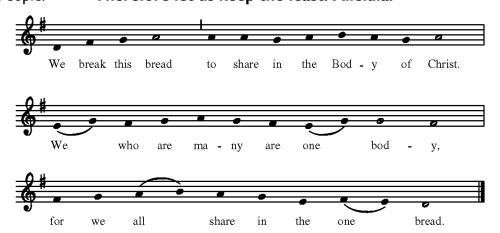
be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

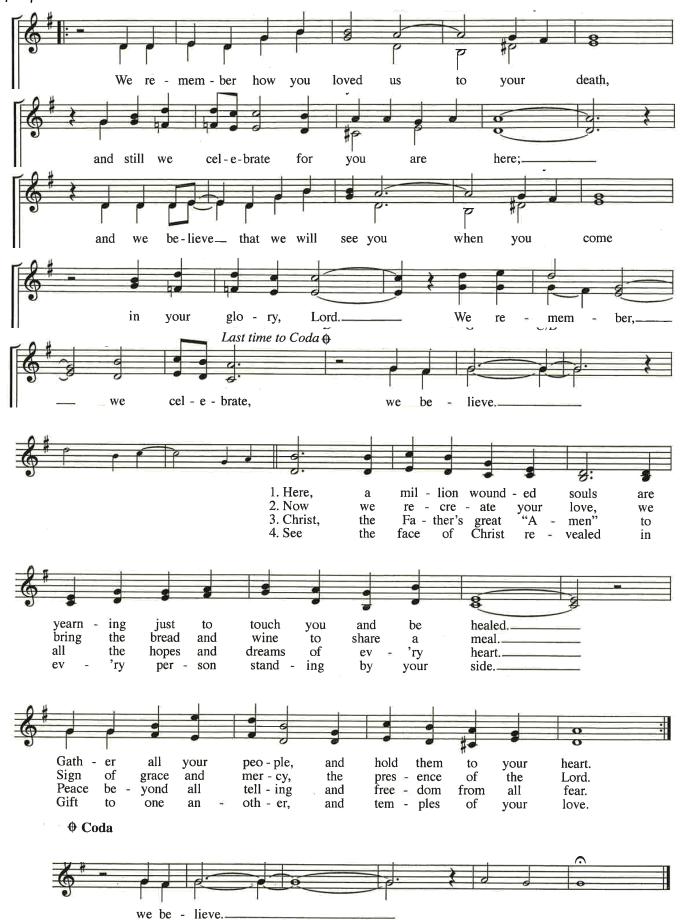


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Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Eucharistic bread is gluten-free and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. However because of Covid, we cannot all receive from the same cup at the same time, but our cup remains common to us all as a different parishioner receives the cup at each service on behalf of the entire community.

During 10:30am worship service only. After piano intro...



Postcommunion Prayer

Presider 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

Presider: 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.

People: Amen.



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Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at St. Francis'

Today, Sunday, August 22 The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti 9:00am-3:00pm Office open* 8:00am Holy Eucharist*

9:15am Sunday Forum: State of the

Congregation

10:30am Holy Eucharist, in person and

on YouTube*

5:45pm Al-Anon, Community Room*

Monday, August 23

8:30am Morning Prayer, Facebook*

Tuesday, August 24

9:00am-3:00pm Office open* Theology of Space 6:00pm Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 25

Outdoor Eucharist 11:45am

12:15pm Crafternoon, Drewel Park*

Thursday, August 26

9:00am-3:00pm Office open*

6:45pm Women's AA, Community

Room*

Friday, August 27

8:30am Morning Prayer, Facebook*

Next Week and Ahead

Sunday, August 29 Trinity Sunday—Outreach

Friday, September 3 **Outdoor Concert**

Sunday, September 5

The Rev. Dr. Teresa Mithen Danieley, preaching and leading Forum

*All items marked with an asterisk above are weekly opportunities and will repeat the following week.

Welcome!

We're so glad you're here! If you're joining us in person and would like to connect, please speak with an usher or fill out a Get to Know You form, available in the back of the sanctuary. If you're joining us online, we'd love you to submit the same form, available through the main navigation menu of our website. Children are fully welcome in our worship services. Right now, we have a children's space with soft seating and quiet liturgical-based activities within our worship space.

Forum Begins!

Join us at 9:15am today in the Community Room for the first Forum of the 2021-22 Program Year, State of the Congregation, led by our Vicar Rev. Laurie, with Treasurer Jim Bowlin and Forum Leader Michael Booker. Next Sunday, August 29, Michael Book will lead "Spiritual Autobiography," and Sunday, September 5, we will hear from guest Forum leader Rev. Dr. Teresa Mithen Danieley for "Striving for Justice and Peace and Respecting the Dignity of Every Human Being: Putting the Baptismal Covenant into Practice for Economic and Racial Justice."

A Note About the Communion Bread

On July 25, we began celebrating Eucharist using bread baked by parishioners. This bread is both gluten-free and nut-free.

Confirmation, reception and reaffirmation sessions begin September 12

Are you open to exploring confirmation in the Christian faith, being "received" as a member of the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement, or looking to reaffirm and deepen your commitment to relationship to God through Jesus? If so, please join our series of discussions beginning at Forum on September 12th. If you have questions about confirmation, reception or reaffirmation, please call Rev. Laurie!

- Sun. Forum: Sept. 12: Overview of the Way of Love & Episcopal Catechism
- Sun. Forum: Sept. 19: Way of Love 1: Turn
- Sat., Sept. 25: Retreat: Service to the Community through Workday, 10am-3pm; Way of Love 2-5: Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless
- Sun. Forum: Sept. 26: Way of Love 6: Go
- Sun. Forum: Oct. 3: Way of Love: Rest

While all parishioners are invited to drop in for any session (including retreat), those interested in confirmation or reception should speak with Rev. Laurie+ by September 7.

New Program Year Starting TODAY!

Beginning August 22, we will have a new, full Sunday-morning schedule for parishioners and visitors of all ages! Look forward to:

- Early Eucharist worship at 8:00am
- Forum and Coffee Hour at 9:15am
- Pop-up Choir Rehearsal at 9:45am: Come once or every week. All welcome! No robing; participants will process and sit together during 10:30am worship
- Eucharist worship at 10:30am, w/ Blessing of the Backpacks on Aug. 22
- Children's Christian Formation during the 10:30am service, beginning on Aug. 29

Today's Ministers of Worship

Presider The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti
Altar Guild Jeff Veenstra 8:00am

Acolyte Tatum McCart 8:00am, Abby Jones 10:30am

Usher Bob Smith 10:30am
Greeter Linda Doolittle 10:30am

Lector Jude McCart 8:00am, Joe and Kathleen O'Reilly 10:30am

Intercessor Sheila McCart 8:00am, Katie Jones 10:30am

Tellers Chris Kinder and Suzanne Jones

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Blessing of the Backpacks by Wendy Claire Barrie

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Prayer Lists

For our homebound parishioner: Noel

For our parishioners: Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, Bob Schaefer, Kathleen M., Cory, Ann, and Greg

For those who have asked for prayers: Emily, Connor, Joan, Mary Jo, Clarence, Mary, Tori, Anna, Liza, Mark, Ellen, Elizabeth, Amanda and Kara

For those who have died and those who mourn: Sally, Tom, the Capitol Police Officers who took their own lives this month and all the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty; and for all in St. Louis who suffer directly from gun violence

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The people and ministry of Episcopal Church of the Advent, Crestwood. We pray for Marshall, their interim priest; and Deborah, their Deacon

For those committed to our ongoing prayers: Episcopal City Mission, their chaplains and staff, and all youth in detention. Deaconess Anne House interns; those discerning a call to ordained ministry; patients, families, & communities affected by substance use disorders and those suffering from untreated & undertreated pain and chronic diseases