



PENTECOST SUNDAY  
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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

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WHERE GOD IS SEEN, LOVE IS FELT, LIVES ARE CHANGED.

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning.  
We are delighted that you are here!

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## GLORIA

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Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away

**the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The Collect of the Day, New Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel readings can be found in the insert.*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

**EZEKIEL 37:1-14**

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 104:25-35,37 (said in unison)**

**INSERT OR BCP 736-737**

**EPISTLE**

**ACTS 2:1-21**

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

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

*People*        Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**THE GOSPEL**

**JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**THE SERMON**

**THE REV. ASHTON SIMS**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**BCP 326**

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

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*The Presider or other person appointed says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Brian, our Bishop, and Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; for Bailey, Ashton and Steve, our clergy, and Adam, our seminarian, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe, our President, and Bill, our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Mike Bautz.

In the Diocese of Tennessee, we pray for the Human Family (BCP page 815);

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We also pray for the Care of Children (BCP page 829);

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish and for Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We pray for the Diocese of Haiti, St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada.

We pray for those in assisted living: Mary Rhoades, Roger Derby, Jo Ann Baker, Dianne Davis.

We pray for our parish members: Jane Heischman; Jonathan Heischman; Mary Hensley, Wil and Brianna Henderson, Harleigh, Amylin, Liam, Arlo; Audrey Henry; Mark Henry.

We pray for the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Thomas Bautz, Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Reid Hartman, Seth Kosko, Alex Mol, Kyle Zirkel.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.  
*Amen.*

## **BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

### **THE PEACE**

**BCP 332**

*All stand. The Presider says to the people*

Presider     The peace of the Lord be always with you  
People        And with thy spirit.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### **OFFERTORY**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II**

**BCP 340**

*The people remain standing. The priest then says*

Presider     The Lord be with you.  
People        And with thy spirit.

Presider     Lift up your hearts.  
People        We lift them up unto the Lord.

Presider     Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
People        It is meet and right so to do.

*Then the Presider proceeds,*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Ghost came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all

truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to thy church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the gospel to all nations.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**SANCTUS**

**BCP 334**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel or stand. Then the Presider continues,*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 336

**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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and maintains a moment of silence.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### FRACTION ANTHEM

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

*Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation*

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.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

#### **SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR**

Presider: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**People: Though we are many, we are one, because we share one bread and one cup.**

#### **THE BLESSING**

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. *Amen.*

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. *Amen.*

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

#### **THE DISMISSAL**

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*The Altar Flowers are given by James and Philip Pack to the glory of God  
and in memory of Elizabeth Pack's birthday.*

*The Ambry Candle is given to the glory of God.*



# THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY — MAY 19, 2024

	7:45 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
CRUCIFER		Tyler Walker
ACOLYTES	Jamey Kennedy	Arwen Welch, Teddy Dantzler
LECTORS	Jack Lee	Bill Petersen
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jamey Kennedy	Deborah Clary, Lou Volk
USHERS	Jim Rousey, John Cox	Alan Liby, James Welch
GREETERS	Mary Shepard	Judith Delaney, Michael Trank
COUNTERS		Roni Boyd, Carol Skyberg
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR		Carol Gardner
ALTAR GUILD	Barbara Steele, Susan Meredith, Nancy Anderson, Linda Felton	
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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS - MAY 20 - MAY 25, 2024

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Monday, May 20	9:00 a.m.	Staff meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Wardens' meeting
Tuesday, May 21	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist + Healing Service
	5:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, May 22	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
Thursday, May 23	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
Friday, May 24		Office closed

# ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

## **LOOSE PLATE OFFERINGS**

**THIS MONTH**

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Today the loose plate offering will go to support the Blessing Box

## **BLESSING BOX IN ACTION!**

**ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK**

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Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Blessing Box! Please remember the Blessing Box when you shop. This week, we are requesting donations of **individual toothbrushes, toothpaste and bar soap**. Items can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

## **ST. THERESE FLOWER GUILD**

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The members of St. Therese Flower Ministry want to invite you to take one or more of the flower vases (filled with altar flowers) in the ramp room for someone who is celebrating a special occasion, needs cheering up (including yourself) or that you just want to let know they are being thought of. These are available any time after Monday afternoon.

## **HOLY GHOST WEENIE ROAST**

**TODAY**

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Join us after today's service for the "Holy Ghost Weenie Roast", sponsored by Parish Life. It's a great way to join together to celebrate Pentecost. The Men's Group has agreed to "man" the grills that day as we serve up burgers with all the fixins', and – of course -hot dogs! Please plan on bringing a 'cook-out appropriate' side dish to share.

## **MASS IN THE GRASS / MONTHLY POT LUCK**

**TRINITY SUNDAY, MAY 26**

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Trinity Sunday celebrates the doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

After Mass in the Grass, we will have our first parish potluck in the Parish Hall with a picnic theme. Please bring food to share that you would typically bring on a picnic...buckets of chicken, sub sandwiches, potato or pasta salad, deviled eggs, slaw, chips, rolls, brownies, fruit, etc. Paper goods, silverware, and drinks will be provided.

Please join us as we begin a new tradition. Come and share a meal with your St. Stephen's family. Our monthly parish potluck will not be centered around a Parish Life event, nor will it be set on a specific Sunday.

## **SMOKIES GAME**

**JUNE 4TH**

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Tickets will be available to purchase on May 19th between the 7:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services in the parish hall, and in the Grove (weather permitting) after the 10:00 service on May 26 and June 2nd. Tickets are \$21 a person. Additional information is in the E-News.

These numbers reflect the change to track our actual giving vs budgeted expenses. Scan the QR code for online pledging!



Last Week's Offering	\$13,427
2024 YTD offering	\$279,070
2024 YTD budgeted expenses	\$248,670
over/(under)	\$30,400

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY****MAY 21, 2024**

Perhaps Paul was the most prolific writer of letters to churches he helped to establish. On Tuesday we will continue looking at his three missions to Asia Minor and Europe to grasp the audiences for those letters. We'll see how his words of advice can apply to our lives as Christians living in a pagan world; perhaps, I should have said a material world. Come join us... Tuesday mornings, 10:00 a.m. in the Pollard Library. We'll adjourn prior to the healing service at 11:30 a.m.

**SAFE CHURCH IN-PERSON TRAINING**

Emily Kirk, the diocesan Safe Church coordinator, will offer an in-person Safe Church/Safe Communities training on June 9, 2024 at St. Stephen's following the 10:00 church service. In-person training takes about 4 hours. A light lunch will be provided. In order for there to be enough food, there will be sign-up sheets in the Hospitality Area, the Narthex, and the Parish Hall. We don't want anyone to be hungry. If your last training was 2021, you are due for a refresher course. If you have a key to the building or work with our youth in any capacity, you are required to have this training. You can also access the training on your computer. If you are unsure of your current status or need the log-in information for the computer version of training, please contact Judith Delaney at [delaneyj01@bellsouth.net](mailto:delaneyj01@bellsouth.net).

**HONORING OF GRADUATES**

We congratulate the following parishioners on their achievements!  
 Melissa Womble, Roane State; Vivian Cooper, L&M STEM Academy; Eli Mauk-Olson, ETSU; Britton Petersen, Bearden High School.

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SENIOR WARDEN - COURTNEY MANROD (2025)  
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ADAM CAVENDER, TOM CLARY, EMILY DOANE, BETH REED (2024)  
CLEON HARTMAN, ASHLEY HILLIS (2025)  
CRAIG BRENT, BEN SHASSERE, TYLER WALKER (2026)

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