

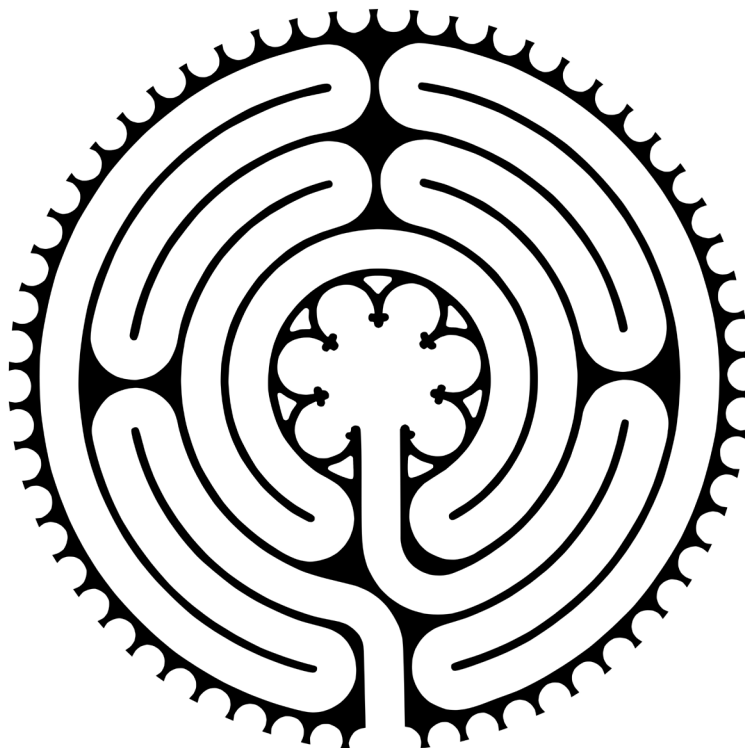


THE SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*May 25, 2025 10:30 A.M*

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

Welcome





## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN

### ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

HYMNAL 405

*Refrain*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,  
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



*Repeat Refrain*

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

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

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto 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.**

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  
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.

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Presider*      Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

**ACTS 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 67 (Said in unison)**

1. May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
2. Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
4. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
5. Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
6. The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
7. May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION.**

**REVELATION 21:10,22-22:5**

In the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Refrain*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff is the 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my'. The second staff continues the melody with 'path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a'. The third staff has 'light un-to my path. When I feel a-fraid, and I'. The fourth staff continues with 'think I've lost my way, still you're there right be - side me.'. The fifth staff has 'Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.'. The sixth staff concludes with 'Please be near me to the end.' and ends with a double bar line. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, D/F#, G, C, D7, G, C, D, G, D/F#, G, C, D7, G, C, D, Em, Bm, C, D, C, G, D, Am, Em, Bm, C, D, E, Dsus, D7 to Refrain.

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my  
path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a  
light un-to my path. When I feel a-fraid, and I  
think I've lost my way, still you're there right be - side me.  
Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

TEXT: Amy Grant, 1984  
MUSIC: Michael W. Smith, 1984; arr. John Sharber  
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THE GOSPEL

JOHN 14:23-29

Gospeller  
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind

you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

**THE SERMON**

**FR. BAILEY NORMAN**

**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 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.*



With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Stephen, the Archbishop of York; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; Bailey, Steve and Laura, our clergy; Adam, our seminarian, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Donald, our President, and Bill, our Governor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city of Oak Ridge, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for Church of the Good Shepherd, Lookout Mountain, and the Church of the Good Shepherd Pre-school.

In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish, and Trinity, Pierre.

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 Kenya.

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

We pray for our parish members: Jim Hilton, Frances Hodges, Marcia & Tim Illingworth.

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

For these and all other intentions of this congregation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all thy saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.  
**To thee, O Lord our God.**

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

### **THE PEACE**

**BCP 360**

*Presider*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## EARTH AND ALL STARS



1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the  
2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the  
3 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals, sing to the  
4 En - gines and steel, loud pound - ing ham - mers, sing to the  
5 Class - rooms and labs, loud boil - ing test - tubes, sing to the  
6 Know - ledge and truth, loud sound - ing wis - dom, sing to the



1 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! O vic - to - ry,  
2 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,  
3 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,  
4 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Lime - stone and beams,  
5 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Ath - lete and band,  
6 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Daugh - ter and son,



1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
3 loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
4 loud build - ing work - ers, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
5 loud cheer - ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
6 loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!



*Refrain*  
He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

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## DOXOLOGY

## LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

*The people remain standing. The priest then says*

*Presider* The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

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

*A Proper Preface is said*

*Presider* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

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.

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or to 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.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

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

*The Presider continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

#### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.*

*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.

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All baptized are welcome to receive communion. All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**



Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness



of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and



see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. Fine



1. I will bless the Lord at all times.  
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.  
3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple.



- His praise shall al - ways be on my  
- To - geth - er let us all praise his  
- You'll want for noth - ing if you

lips; \_\_\_\_\_ my soul shall  
name. \_\_\_\_\_ I called the  
ask. \_\_\_\_\_ Taste and

glo - ry \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord; \_\_\_\_\_ for  
Lord and he an - swered me; \_\_\_\_\_ from  
see that God is good; \_\_\_\_\_ in

he has been so good to me. \_\_\_\_\_  
all my trou - bles he set me free. \_\_\_\_\_  
him we need put all our trust. \_\_\_\_\_

*D.C.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

**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.*


## SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*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


The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*




1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.



THE DISMISSAL

Presider        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
People        Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*The Altar Flowers and Ambry Candle are given to the glory of God.*

There are still opportunities to give Altar flowers in upcoming months. The sign up sheet is outside the church office door. The cost for two altar flower arrangements is \$85 per Sunday. The ambry candle cost is \$5. Acknowledgments can be given in memory or thanksgiving of an occasion or loved one.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY - MAY 25, 2025

|                        | 8:00 A.M.  | 10:30 A.M.                     |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| CRUCIFER               |  | Diane Sams                     |
| ACOLYTES               | Jamey Kennedy  | Tucker Reed, Tatum Tipton      |
| LECTORS                | Roni Boyd  | Leah Bailey                    |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Jamey Kennedy  | Cameron Ellis, Courtney Manrod |
| USHERS                 | John Cox, Jim Rousey   | Judith Delaney, Stacy Cox      |
| GREETERS               | Jim Rousey   | Beth Bailey, Ashley Hillis     |
| CANTOR                 |  | Lisa Griggs                    |
| COUNTERS               |  | Roger Johnson, Wes Delaney     |
| EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR   |  | Judith Delaney                 |
| ALTAR GUILD            | Judith Delaney, Jo Kelley, Ruth Prince, Julie Webber                                     |                                |
| AV TECH                | Brad Hillis  |                                |
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

Please send any bulletin, e-news or calendar announcements by Wednesday, May 28. Fully edited pertinent information, including dates, times, location(s) should be sent to [editor@ststephensorg.org](mailto:editor@ststephensorg.org). This email goes to both the Parish Office, and Rob Steele III, our E-News editor. Final content is at the discretion of clergy and staff.

| PRIOR WEEK AND 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE PLEDGE RECEIPTS |           | AS OF MAY 18, 2025 |
|--|-----------|--------------------|
| Last Week's Offering *                           | \$12,266  |                    |
| 2025 YTD offering                                | \$272,331 |                    |
| 2025 Revenue - budget                            | \$552,548 |                    |
| % Received to date                               | 49%       |                    |
| *includes online giving                          |           |                    |

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS - MAY 26 - MAY 31

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

| DATE              | TIME       | EVENT                              |
|-------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Monday, May 26    |            | Office closed for Memorial Day     |
| Tuesday, May 27   | 10:00 a.m. | Tuesday Bible Study                |
|                   | 11:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist and Healing Service |
| Wednesday, May 28 | 8:30 a.m.  | Men's Group                        |
|                   | 1:00 p.m.  | Funeral for Anne Campbell          |
|                   | 6:45 p.m.  | Choir Rehearsal                    |
| Thursday, May 29  | 4:00 p.m.  | Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)        |
| Friday, May 30    | 8:30 a.m.  | Wardens' Meeting                   |
|                   |            | Office Closed                      |

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

## SUMMER

***REST: From Eden to Eternity*** - A Women's Bible Study

This summer, St. Stephen's women will be gathering online via Zoom for a weekly bible study and fellowship. We would love to know which day works best for you to join us! We are currently planning for Tuesday or Thursday each week, at 7 p.m. from June 9 to July 14.

Please complete the following survey and indicate your preference. You can find the survey on our website homepage.

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**LECTIONARY STUDY****9:30 A.M. IN THE POLLARD ROOM**

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The Lectionary class at St. Stephen's is unique in that it is a discussion each Sunday about the Gospel that is in that Sunday's bulletin insert. It is also unique in that the class is led each Sunday by a member of the class. Recent leaders have been Roger Johnson, Steve Damos, Emily Doane, Gary Dreier, Mary Ellen Klots, Joseph Womble and Father Bailey. If you'd like a better understanding of the Bible (who doesn't), come to a Lectionary class on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Pollard library.

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**LOOSE PLATE OFFERING****TODAY**

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The loose plate offering for the last Sunday of May will go towards the Blessing Box.

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**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION / LEMONADE****TODAY**

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During the Summer, coffee and conversation is offered in the Parish Hall after the 8 a.m. service. We will have Lemonade in the Grove (weather permitting) after the 10:30 a.m. service.

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**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 canned chicken, tuna, canned fruit or fruit cups. They can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

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**DAY OF PENTECOST - READERS****JUNE 8**

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It's hard to believe that we are a little over two weeks away from Pentecost on June 8! As Episcopalians, a couple of our favorite traditions are to wear red (as that is the color of the Holy Spirit!) and to read part of the lesson from Acts in many languages (to emulate the speaking of tongues that took place that day.)

We are looking for readers. You do not have to be fluent, as you will be reading simultaneously with others, so you can be a little rusty! If you would like to read, please e-mail Fr. Bailey at [rector@ststephensor.org](mailto:rector@ststephensor.org), or call the church office and let us know your chosen language, and whether you will be attending the 8a.m. or 10:30a.m. service.

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**HOLY GHOST WEENIE ROAST****JUNE 8**

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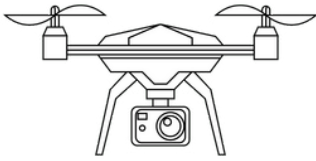
Holy Ghost Weenie Roast in the parish hall following the 10:30 a.m. Pentecost service. Parish Life will furnish the hot dogs, burgers, buns and the fixings. There will also be a birthday cake to celebrate the birth of the Church! Bring your favorite cook-out sides to round out the meal!

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**PARISH POTLUCK****JUNE 29**

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A Parish Potluck will follow the 10.30 a.m. service prior to the Planned Giving Presentation.



On Pentecost, we are going to take an aerial photo of the congregation at 10:15 a.m. on the front steps of the church. Please come early, (or if you are attending the 8:00 a.m. service, plan to stay a little later.) Don't forget to wear RED. You might consider attending coffee hour or one of our Christian Education offerings between services.

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**INTERIOR WORK DAY - THANK YOU! - PLEASE CHECK THE DONATION TABLE BEFORE JUNE 1**

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The Evangelism Committee would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed their time and effort this week. Over the weekend, a dedicated group of parishioners came together to organize, label, and clean various areas of St. Stephen's. Your hard work and teamwork are truly appreciated!

During the cleanup, we came across several items whose owners or proper storage locations are unknown. These items have been placed on the stage in the parish hall. **Please take a moment to look through them if you think something may belong to you. Items remaining after June 1st will be donated, so be sure to check before then.**

Thank you again for your support!

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**EXTERIOR WORK DAY PLANNED****JUNE 21**

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An exterior work day is planned for June 21, between 8 a.m. and noon. Items on the agenda include (but not limited to):

- Cleaning up brush on the Southeast corner of the Memorial Garden.
- Looking at and possibly trimming back dead branches on a tree near the front entrance.
- Cleaning up the perimeter of the playground; leaves and grass.
- Cleaning the steps between the playground and the parking lot.
- Clearing parking lot debris, trimming sidewalks, etc.
- Gutter cleaning.
- Address any open items inside the church left over from the May work day.

For further information or to volunteer your time, please contact our current Building's and Grounds chair, Roger Johnson. ([roger.johnson@ststephensor.org](mailto:roger.johnson@ststephensor.org)) or the parish office.

We make the joke around St. Stephen's that half of Oak Ridge has a key to our building. This joke, however, has become more serious over the last couple of years as we continue to have issues with items disappearing, lights being left on all over the building, and outside doors being left unlocked on a regular basis.

It is also part of our policy that anyone who is not current with their Safe Church Training from the diocese should not have a key to the building. This policy, which is also a diocesan policy, is a protective measure to make sure that anyone who has access to the building has the information and knowledge to be aware of appropriate boundaries and interactions within the building and their responsibility to report anything that is suspicious. While not at St. Stephen's, there have been recent incidents at other churches in our area where inappropriate activity has taken place due to people having unlimited access to spaces who were not authorized to have it.

In discussion with your Wardens (Leah Bailey and Ben Shassere) and our Safe Church Coordinator (Judith Delaney), we have made the decision to begin enforcing this rule. In other words, if you are not current on your Safe Church training, please know that we will contact you to ask for your key until you have successfully completed or updated your training. Please understand that this is not a punitive measure. Rather, our commitment to being a safe space has to align with the policies that we have which allow us to make sure everyone with a key has an understanding of the responsibility that comes with that privilege.

We will have an in-person Safe Church training here again at St. Stephen's on June 22 following the 10:30 service. In addition, you are welcome at any time of year to sign up to take the training online. Either will get you covered. The training must be updated every 3 years according to diocesan policies. The training does take 3-4 hours, but it is a crucial piece of the responsibility we ALL have to make sure appropriate boundaries and behavior are always the norm here at St. Stephen's. If you would like to sign up for either the in-person or online training, please call the church office at 865-483-8497 or e-mail us at [secretary@ststephensor.org](mailto:secretary@ststephensor.org).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me (Fr. Bailey), either of your Wardens, or Judith Delaney.



## INTERESTED IN GAINING MORE TOOLS TO HELP WITH YOUR FINANCES?

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ONE OR BOTH OF THE UPCOMING FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOPS!

For the month of June, St. Stephen's will be hosting two seminars to help our parishioners (and any guests you may want to bring) gain more tools on how to effectively manage and plan their financial resources. While we don't like to talk about money, the Scriptures do speak of money frequently. Jesus recognizes it is one of our greatest worries - and hindrances - in our relationship with God and with each other. One of the most common burdens people in any given church face is the stress of money - not having enough, not knowing enough to manage it, not knowing what to do with it after we die.

You are invited to attend either or both of the seminars listed below. The first one on June 1 is geared more towards planned giving during and at the end of life. The second one on June 29 is about learning strategies to manage our money for both present and future needs. Each will take place in the parish hall following the 10:30 a.m. service (starting at noon). **Lunch will be provided.**



We ask that, both for food planning and for our presenter, that you sign up ahead of time either by calling the office or by accessing the form on our website. (The QR code to will take you there.) Our presenter is Joe Ottaviano, CFP, CKA, a well-respected financial planner in Knoxville (his bio is also listed below). We are deeply indebted to our own Tom Clary for extending the invitation to Mr. Ottaviano to come and be with us.

### TOPIC SUMMARY, SUNDAY JUNE 1ST - "TAX-SMART GIFTING & LEGACY PLANNING"

Psalms 89:11 says, *"The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them."* While others may attempt to claim what is rightfully God's, how can we preserve a Kingdom mindset with that which God has entrusted us." Joe Ottaviano from APC Financial Planning will share tax-smart strategies to give to charities both now and in our estates. Joe will cover topics such as gifting from your Individual Retirement Account, using a Donor-Advised Fund, and naming specific beneficiaries to your insurance and investment.

### TOPIC SUMMARY, SUNDAY JUNE 29TH - "BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE WHILE BEING TAX-SMART IN YOUR GIFTING"

Psalms 89:11 says, *"The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them."* Joe Ottaviano from APC Financial Planning will help answer questions such as – As you think about money, what are your hopes? Do you want to understand your finances better? Do you want to be able to successfully face financial challenges and meet financial goals? Do you want to be able to communicate effectively about money with those you love? Ultimately, do you want to be able to handle money from a confident place – empowered by biblical financial wisdom?

## JOE OTTAVIANO

In his role as President/CEO and owner of APC Financial Planning, Joe Ottaviano especially enjoys helping and encouraging individuals and families achieve their financial life goals.

Joe's energy and wide-ranging expertise bring a valuable dimension to the APC client service team. He has over 45 years of investment experience, having purchased his first stock when he was 21 years old. Joe is a **Certified Financial Planner**®, a Certified Kingdom Advisor®, and a CPA. He is a graduate of Bentley University (B.S. in Accounting) and has a master's in business administration (MBA) from the University of Texas at Austin. He is also a member of the Financial Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Joe and his wife, Carol, have four children and six incredible grandchildren. He and Carol are members of Grace Presbyterian Church where Joe teaches Sunday School weekly. In his free time, Joe enjoys traveling the world with his lovely wife, serving in their church and community, eating delicious meals, exercising, and spending time with their growing family! He also thoroughly enjoys waxing and detailing cars!



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