

# ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**CELEBRATION SERVICE**  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II**  
**The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 10, 2023**  
**10:45 A.M.**

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,  
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following  
the service. We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book  
which can be found at the Welcome Center.*

*This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.*

*If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk just  
outside the back of the sanctuary.*

*Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.  
If you wish, you may remain out of the camera's view by sitting in the Chapel (stained glass  
window area.)*

*We want to honor and respect your privacy.*

## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community  
committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.*

## **DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN**

*Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor,  
comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a a través de Cristo.*

## Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us during this Season after Pentecost.

For many Christians the weeks after Pentecost are called Ordinary Time, “ordinary” meaning in regular rows or ranks undistinguished from another. This is the character of Ordinary Time, the days after Pentecost, the largest part of the church year, and most of our life. It is not a time of celebration that draws into wonder nor a time of crisis that causes one to change. Ordinary Time is a time of being. However, it must be said that this time is not without character and color, for during this season of the year we explore what it means to live in the eternal day that is ours through baptism into Christ’s eternal life. In this post Pentecostal season we explore what it means to be children of God, to be in Christ, and to be on fire with the Spirit.

Like all of God’s creation, we are surrounded by the lush green that is present. It is a bountiful time of being. In these moments, we rest in the knowledge that we are transformed and empowered people experiencing the presence of the Spirit through the Word proclaimed and the Sacraments shared.

It is with that awareness we live lives in tune with the present and filled with God’s love toward all around us. Only then will our lives take on the vibrant green of the season, of ordinary life and yet deeply alive!

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask any member around you for help.

I hope to meet you before and/or after worship, but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again, welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,

*Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +*

Rector

## + THE GATHERING RITE +

**Organ Voluntary:** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

*Ludwig Von Beethoven*

**Welcome & Announcements**

*See Bulletin*

**Sacred Silence**

*At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity.*

*Please stand at the tolling of the bell.*

**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Gathering Song:** “Power in the Blood”

*Lewis E. Jones*



There's pow - er! there's pow - er! There's won - der - work - in' pow - er!



There is pow - er! pow - er! won - der - work - in' pow - er in the blood



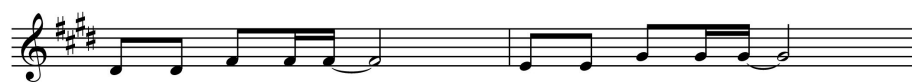
of the Lamb! There is pow - er! pow - er!



won - der - work - in' pow - er in the pre - cious blood of the Lamb!



Would you do ser - vice for Je - sus your king? There's  
Would you be free from your bur - den of sin?



pow - er in the blood! pow - er in the blood!



Would you live dai - ly His prais - es to sing? There's  
Would you o'er ev - il a vic - to - ry win?



won - der - ful pow - er in the blood!

**Collect of the Day**

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +**

*Please be seated.*  
**Children’s Moment**

*After the Children’s Moment, the children are invited to return to their families and be seated.*

**The Lesson:** Romans 13:8-14

*Lector*        A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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



*Please stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** “Guiltless”

Words: *Brenton Prigge*  
Music: *St. Magnus, Divine Companion*



Our God is love, his an - ger slow, com - pass - ion, grace are his.  
What we de - served we did not get: He took our sins and lies,  
Now we can judge no one at all, we who de - served to die!  
Then let us learn the sac - red art, in - struct - ed us by Christ,



Re - pent - ant hearts may sure - ly know: We're guilt - less in his eyes.  
cast them as far as east from west. We're guilt - less in his eyes.  
Each one that heeds the Mast - er's call is guilt - less in his eyes.  
for - giv - ing, we for - giv - en are, and guilt - less in his eyes.

*Please remain standing.*

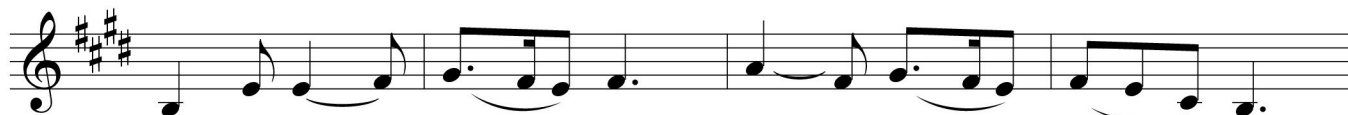
**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

**Gospel Response:** “Celtic Alleluia”



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

The Reverend Joseph Alsay

**Sacred Silence.**

*At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity.*

*Please stand at the sound of the bell.*

**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.**

*Please stand.*

**Prayers of the People – Form VI**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; especially for the ministries of those churches in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Holland Hall School, Tulsa, Casady School, Oklahoma City, Oak Hall School, Ardmore, and for our companion Diocese of Uruguay.  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops, for Father Joseph, Deacon Karen, Deacon Mary Ann Coffman, and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The People may add their own petitions*

For those with medical issues and other needs or concerns: *Judy Moon, Maxine Grayson, Collin Wilbur, Debra Greene Jolly, Erlinda Layman, Nahomi Gudino, John Wehr, Megan Posey, JonEvah Murray, Cornerstone Counseling and Consulting, Traci Eliot, Breanna Troutman, Shary Weis, Gale Wilkerson, Bill Landis, Reggie Egins, Kris Wade, Mahogany Brown, Leanne Hoffbeck, Lynn England, AimeeAnn, Jim Davidson, Anita Kirkpatrick, Angela & Ron Cochran, Judy Spencer, Ann Merritt, Sandy and Bill Hodges, David King, Evelyn Wehr, Bill Collins, Richard Stuhr, Jim Emig, Lee Johnson, Edith Kenney, Evelyn Thrower, Bill Kerr, Judy Reeder, Steve Bauer, Robby Housh, Wyatt Didamo, Barbara Traylor-Lane, Valerie Lewis, Camilla Manning, Philip Worrell, Bill Johnson, Scott Mills.*

For those in the military: *Rick Narvaiz, Colby Gibson, J.R. Singleton, Bryce Singleton, Parker Singleton, Joshua Westmoreland, Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Sam Carter, Christopher Rosentreter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfroe, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Liszeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Liszeski, Ted Liszeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stienl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf,* our troops at home and abroad and their families.

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week: *Lyla Rousseau, James Menzer, Mike Johnston, Jesse Heath, Evelyn Thrower, Maridale Vanek, Marc Dillard, Marcia Frensley, Shana Dale Fagan.*

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week: *Dianne & Tom Norton, Jen & Joseph Matias.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they might have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord let your loving-kindness be upon them  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*Please kneel.*

**Confession of Sin**

Let us most humbly confess our sins unto the Almighty God.

**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.**

**Absolution**

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.**

*Please stand.*

**Peace**

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

**+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +**

*Please be seated.*

**Offertory Sentence**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. -- Ephesians 5:2

*During the Offering in Song, please sign the attendance sheet in the bulletin and kindly drop it in the offering plate.*

**Offering in Song:** “Amazing Grace”

*John Newton*

*The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.*





**Presentation Song: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

*Old 100th*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above the heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Please remain standing.*

**Eucharistic Prayer C**

*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* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Presider* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

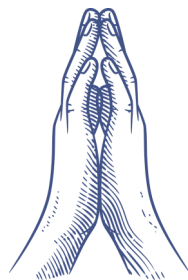
*Presider* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Presider* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Presider* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



# Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

arr. Lees/Chard



Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, and Lord we sing your



praise! Ho-san-na in the high - - est! Ho-san-na in the high - -



est! Ho-san-na in the high - - est, and Lord we sing your praise!



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, Ho-san-na in the high - - -



est, and Lord we sing your praise!

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. 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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y libranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

*Presider* 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.

*Please be seated.*

### **Communion Distribution**

*All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.*

*For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.*

*If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher.*

*The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin.*

*After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.*

*If you wish to drink from the cup, please proceed to one of the two chalice bearers to the far ends.*

*Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.*

*Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.*

*Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.*

*If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

## Altar Prayer

*After receiving Communion, please feel free to kneel at the Altar Rail and take time for personal prayer and reflection.*

## Candle Lighting

*After receiving communion, the congregation is invited to say a prayer for yourself or other needs you may have; light a candle, and then place it in the sand containers on either side of the front of the church.*

**Communion Meditations:** “Wayfarin Stranger”

“Just a Little Talk with Jesus”

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*Spiritual*

*Rev. Cleavant Derricks, Spiritual*

*Anonymous; Tune: Closer Walk*

## + THE SENDING RITE +

*Please stand or kneel.*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*Common Worship, Church of England*

*Presider* Let us pray.

**God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## Benediction

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

*People* **Amen.**

## Dismissal

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

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

**Voluntary:** “Gospel Medley”

*You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service, so that we may get to know each other.*

*We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or have other special needs, to gather in the side chapel after the service where prayers and blessings will be given.*

## Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

*DOK* Let us pray.

*People* **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# ST. AUGUSTINE'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Sunday, September 10

- 8:30AM Traditional Service
- 9:35AM Confirmation Class
- 10:45AM Celebration Service
- 12:30PM Rainbow Connections

## Monday, September 11

- Church Offices Closed

## Tuesday, September 12

- 6:30PM Cub Scouts

## Wednesday, September 13

- 12:00PM Eucharist
- 7:00PM Confirmation Class

## Sunday, September 17

- 8:30AM Traditional Service
- 9:35AM Confirmation Class
- 10:45AM Celebration Service

## Monday, September 18

- Church Offices Closed

## Tuesday, September 19

- 6:30PM Cub Scouts

## Wednesday, September 20

- 12PM Eucharist
- 7PM Confirmation Class

## RAINBOW CONNECTION NEWS

St. Augustine's Rainbow Connection group will be meeting right after the 10:45AM celebration service on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. You are invited to join us for snacks and fellowship as we plan our activities and ministries for the coming months. If you have questions please contact

- Jeanne Lowrey
  - lazokie@gmail.com
- James Burkhart
  - jamesburkhart99@yahoo.com
- Bradley Davidson
  - bradley@bradleyddavidson.com

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES STARTING

As we prepare for the 40th Anniversary Celebration of St. Augustine, and the Episcopal visitation of Bishop Poulson on October 22nd, we are inviting any youth and adults interested in the being confirmed to join us for a three-week late Summer Intensive Confirmation program. Each week, duplicate one-hour Confirmation classes will be offered on Sunday at 9:35 a.m. OR Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. beginning, September 10th through 27th. Please RSVP by contacting Fr. Joseph josephalsay@gmail.com or (405) 365-3226.

## THE REV. CANON TONY MOON'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION & SCHOLARSHIP

Our beloved Fr. Tony Moon has officially retired from active ministry. As a way of honoring his many years in the ministry, on the evening of Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, St. Augustine's will host a retirement celebration. At that celebration, we will formally inaugurate the creation of a scholarship named in honor of the Reverend Canon Tony Moon, Ph.D. This scholarship will be overseen by the Diocese of Oklahoma, and given to those candidates who desire and/or need financial assistance in deepening their spiritual connection to God through training in The Diocese of Oklahoma School of Spiritual Direction. If you would like to contribute, please give in the following ways:

- Go directly to **Online Giving** feature at <https://sac.breezechms.com/give/online>
- Text "\$XXX FatherTony" to (405) 645-6608 (where XXX is the amount)
  - The system will guide you through the process.
- Place a check in the alms basket at church.
- Drop it in the mail noting "Fr. Tony's Retirement Gift" in the memo.
- Or you may also give your gift at the "Celebration Event."

Please put the date on your calendar and look for more information about the celebration in the coming weeks!

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

*J - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."  
Hebrews 13:8*

All are encouraged to participate (young and old, family, friends). We will post the verses on the Family and Youth bulletin board in the education hall. Once a verse is successfully recited to a parent or other friend, the parents can help keep track by placing a sticker on the chart on the Family and Youth bulletin board. When 6 verses are memorized, a small reward can be earned. When all 26 verses are learned there will be a prize. See Renee Lewis for details.



### **PET AND STUFFED ANIMAL BLESSING**

As part of our celebration of St. Francis/Creation Sunday, we will have our Annual Blessing of Pets in the Nave. On this day, we will invite members and guests to bring their furry, finned and feathered friends to be blessed *at the 10:45am service on Sunday, October 1st, 2023*. All children and youth are encouraged to bring their stuffed animals to receive a special blessing on that day.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP**

Are you wanting to share Altar Flowers with your church family, or celebrate a loved one through florals? We have available dates to sponsor Altar Flowers for the rest of the year. Each date is starting at \$75.00. Sign-ups are available in the binder in the office.

### **COFFEE HOUR SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Are you enjoying the treats? Then be a Coffee Sponsor! As our membership has grown, so has the need for more volunteers for Coffee Hour. After you help yourself to refreshments today, sign up to help out and be a Coffee Sponsor in the future.

### **SISU YOUTH HOUSEWARMING PARTY**

The SISU Youth Services are close to moving the new shelter and will be throwing a Housewarming Party to outfit a Dorm Room in the new shelter. Each Dorm Room will provide nightly shelter to 4 houseless youth, and we get to help get the Red Dorm ready for them! You can help by donating the dollars needed to complete the wish list. Donations can be made to the Church and tagged for SISU Youth.

### **CUB SCOUTS EACH TUESDAY - COME JOIN US!**

St. Augustine's own Cub Scout Pack 101 meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30pm in the church Parish Hall. Cub Scouts is open to ALL children, male and female, grades K-5. Come join the fun and check out this year's offerings on August 15, or contact leader Rick Inselman at [sfhobo@yahoo.com](mailto:sfhobo@yahoo.com) for more details.

### **BLESSING BOX NEWS**

Peanut butter, Jelly, Vienna Sausages, Canned/pouch protein items such as chicken and can openers are the most needed items for our Blessing Box. Donations can be placed in the large wicker basket in the Commons. Thanks for your continued support of this ministry!

**+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +**

**Today, Sunday, September 10, 2023, 10:45 A.M.**  
**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Presider and Preacher:** The Reverend Joseph C. Alsay

**Deacon:** The Reverend Mary Ann Coffman

**Eucharistic Minister:** Jay Kyte, Sara Kyte, and Gil Haas

**Acolytes:** Jaxon Mack, Zoe Alsay, Zach Rosa-Berrios

**Lector:** Valerie Hall

**Staff Musicians:** Scott Chard and Guy Nembhard, Patrick Hays

**Organist:** Patrick Hays

**Guest Musicians:** The Grassland Band

**Oblation Bearers:** Judy Moon and Jan Pope

**Greeters:** Jeanne Lowrey and Jim Snelling

**Altar Guild:** Jan Pope and Gil Haas

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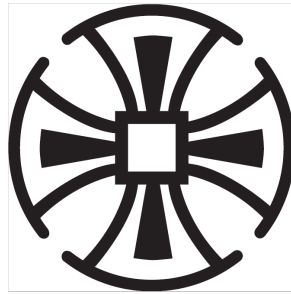
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Page 18 of the Book of Common Prayer states that “The Ember Days, (are) traditionally observed on the Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays after the First Sunday in Lent (i.e., this past week), Holy Cross Day (September 14 - which is next Thursday), December 13 (St. Lucy’s Day), and the Day of Pentecost.” The name is a corruption of the Latin, quattuor tempora (meaning “four times”). In third century Italy, the times were associated with sowing, harvest, and vintage, for which the faithful prayed, fasted, and gave alms. However, beginning in the twelve century, the days became occasions for the ordination of priests and deacons for whom the Christian community prayed, and the candidates for ordination prepared themselves by prayer and retreat. Our Book of Common Prayer lists prayers “For the Ministry (Ember Days)” on pages 205-206. These prayers are divided into “For those to be ordained”, “For the choice of fit persons for the ministry”, and “For all Christians in their vocation”. Three lectionaries for these days are listed on page 929. In recent times, Roman Catholics and Anglicans have been far less strict in linking “Ember Days” and the ordinations with which they are associated with specific days of the church’s year.

*If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com, or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.*

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**Wednesday** – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

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## OFFICE HOURS

*To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.*

Father Joseph Alsay, Rector  
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