
WELCOME

St. Clare's Episcopal Church

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.
Please silence all cell phones. Flash photography is not allowed.*

Welcome to St. Clare's! We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here, and welcome to join us in Holy Communion.

If this is your first time visiting with us, we invite you to take a moment to fill out the Visitor's Card located in the pew, or the Visitor's Book in the Narthex, so that we may get to know you better. We hope that you will consider joining our community as we grow together in relationship with God and with one another.

We use the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) in our Sunday worship together. The bulletin you are holding will guide you to the page numbers. The BCP is red. Our Hymnal 1982 is blue. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to turn to the person next to you to ask. We are happy to guide you.

If you have a pastoral concern or need, or would like more information about the Episcopal Church, please feel free to call the church office at 706-745-0607 to make an appointment with me.

Blessings,
Liz+



An Invitation to Communion

We hope that you will accept our invitation to join us at the Table. All are welcome. The usher will signal when it is time for your pew to come forward. You may stand or kneel at the altar. There are several ways that you may participate with us. When the bread is offered, place one hand on top of the other and extend them forward to accept the bread. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice to your mouth with one hand. If you would like to receive the wine without drinking from the cup, hold the bread in the palm of your hand and the chalice bearer will dip the bread in the chalice (called intinction). If you prefer not to receive the wine, consume the bread and then cross your arms over your chest and the wine will pass by you. If you would like to participate, but not receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The Word Of God

Prelude	Variations from Organ Concerto Set 1	G.F. Handel
Processional Hymn	Christ is made the sure foundation	Hymn 518
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria		Hymn S-236*
The Collect of the Day		BCP 233
The Lessons		
The First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14		See right
Psalm 149		BCP 807
The Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14		See right
Sequence Hymn	Blessed Jesus, at thy word	Hymn 440
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20		See right
The Sermon		The Rev. Liz Schellinghoudt
	<i>A period of silence is kept</i>	
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
The Prayers of the People Form I		BCP 383
The Confession		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Choral Anthem	Lord, I Want to be a Christian	Negro Spiritual
Presentation Hymn	Not here for high and holy things <i>(verses 4-6)</i>	Hymn 9
Eucharistic Prayer C		BCP 369
The Sanctus		Hymn S-125*
The Lord's Prayer and The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364
Fraction Anthem		Hymn S-152*
Distribution of Communion		BCP 364
<i>All persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those not receiving may come to the communion rail to receive a blessing; please cross your arms over your chest. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer, please say "gluten-free" to the priest.</i>		
Communion Hymns	Lord, make us servants of your peace "Forgive our sins as we forgive"	Hymn 593 Hymn 674
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
Processional Hymn	God is love, and where true love is	Hymn 577
Postlude	Voluntary in C Major	Henry Heron
<i>*All hymns beginning with "S" (Service Music) are found in the front of the blue hymnal</i>		

You are invited to join us for coffee after the service, downstairs in the Parish Hall.

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Romans 12:9-21

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.

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

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (18:15-20)

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."

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

Prayers of the People

For the sick or in need: Bob, Carla, Nahum, Jane, Herb P., Sally, Friederich, Mary, Billy, Anne, Joy, McKinley, Katie, Annie, Edwina, Terri, Herb H., Al, Josh, Roz, Bob, Ann, Delores, Mary Lou, Pat, and Joan.

For those who travel: Bailey.

For those who have died: Jimmy Buffett, Robert Kunzler.

For those celebrating birthdays: Jim McMorris, Barbara Thomas, Lisa McElfresh, Angel Jackson.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Irene & Mike Pearce, Janice & Norman Clapp.

Those Who Serve

Sunday September 10, 2023
Verger – Lynnae Boudreau
Crucifer – Lamar Barber
Gospelier – Camilla Duello
Lector 1 – Steve Wilson
Lector 2 – Lynnae Boudreau
Eucharistic Minister – Lamar Barber
Ushers – Diana Symins & Bucky Buchmaier
Greeter – Michelle Wilson
VPOD – Amy Cox
Altar Guild – Lisa McElfresh
Flower Guild – Darlene Pilcher
Videographer – Sandy Bell

2023 Vestry

Lynnae Boudreau, Senior Warden
Lamar Barber, Treasurer
Jo Ellen Clow, Clerk
Sandy Calloway
Amy Cox
Katherine Duello
Lynne Joynes
Lisa McElfresh
Pat Murray
Herb Pilcher
Michael Smith-Foot

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Weekly Services

Sundays, HE Rite II, 10:30 AM
Wednesdays, HE Rite II, 12:15 PM
Morning Prayer is 8:00 AM M-F
Compline is 7:30 PM M-F
Choral Compline, First Sundays, 7:00 PM

Adult Formation

Join the Rev. Dr. Paul Roberts next Sunday, September 17th at 9:30 AM for Conversations in the Parish Hall.

Thursday Book Study Group will meet on September 14th at 4:00 PM on Zoom. We will be reading The Sacred Enneagram by Christopher Heuertz. Use the link provided in the eClare to join. All are welcome!

ESOL

Our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program resumes this week. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Additional teachers and substitutes are needed. If you are interested, please contact Kitty at admin@stclaresepiscopal.org to be connected with our ESOL coordinator, Luz Rondon.

Sacred Ground

Our next Sacred Ground group will begin in September. Please contact Ken Alexander at kbalex119@gmail.com or Pat Murray at pamurray@mindspring.com for more information.

Music in the Garden

Save the date for our next Music in the Garden event on Friday, September 29th. Weather permitting, we will begin with a reception in our gardens at 5:30 and move indoors for a lively performance by our own Tamara and Jamey Whiting. If you are able to help plan the reception, contact Kitty at admin@stclaresepiscopal.org.

Feast of St. Francis

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on Sunday, October 1st. This outdoor service will include the blessing of animals. All leashed or crated pets are welcome.

Chapel Wish List

Our new Assisi Chapel needs chairs, linens, and other items. Please see the eClare to complete a donation form or to learn more about the wish list. Printed donation forms are also available in the Narthex. Many thanks to those who have already contributed their gifts to this sacred space.