



# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 16 JULY 2023

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

### Prelude

Processional Hymn 632

“O Christ, the Word Incarnate”

*Munich*

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

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

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

#### Collect for Purity

p. 355

#### Gloria: S278

“Glory to God in the Highest”

William Mathias

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. \_\_\_\_\_

Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -

ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson: Genesis 25:19–34

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 21

*Commentary: Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah. For twenty years the couple remained childless, until Rebekah bore twin sons. Before the birth of Rebekah's sons, God announced His foreordained choice of which son would be the promised heir. God's choice of the younger son, Jacob, instead of the elder, Esau, was contrary to Near Eastern custom, but was in accord with God's sovereign prerogative. Jacob and Esau may have been twins but in appearance, personality and priorities they could not have been more different. Jacob valued the birthright that Esau despised, but it was wrong for Jacob to exploit his brother's weakness to obtain it in this way. Additionally, Jacob's scheming was unnecessary, since God was wholly capable of fulfilling what He had promised.*

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

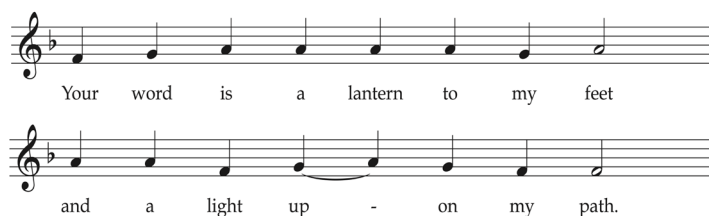
The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 119:105–112

*Antiphon (The antiphon is first sung by the cantor, then repeated by all.)*

*Lucerna pedibus meis*



Psalm chant



Your word is a lantern to my / **feet** \*  
and a light upon my / **path.**  
I have sworn and am de-/**termined** \*  
to keep your righteous / **judgments.**

**ANTIPHON**

I am deeply / **troubled**; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your / **word.**  
Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my / **lips**, \*  
and teach me your / **judgments.**

**ANTIPHON**

My life is always in my / **hand**, \*  
yet I do not forget your / **law**.  
The wicked have set a / **trap for me**, \*  
but I have not strayed from your com-/**mandments**.

**ANTIPHON**

Your decrees are my inheritance for / **ever**; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my / **heart**.  
I have applied my heart to fulfill your / **statutes** \*  
for ever and to the / **end**.

**ANTIPHON**

**The Epistle: Romans 8:1–11**

NRSV, p. 1031

*Commentary: In these verses, Paul first stated the believer's condition and then explained it. There is no condemnation for anyone who is in Christ Jesus because Jesus has paid the penalty for the believer's sins. The law of the Spirit overcomes the law of sin; it lifts up and enables victory over the flesh. Walking according to the Spirit means living in dependence on, and in submission to, the Spirit. Those walking according to the flesh allow the human nature to dominate their lives. A mind set on yielding to the Holy Spirit will experience life and peace, and Paul was confident that his readers were indwelt by the Holy Spirit. The body is mortal, it remains subject to death because of sin, but the same Spirit who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give life to every believer.*

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 627**

“Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace”

*Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1–9,18–23**

NRSV, p. 885

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Nancy Jose

**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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*The response to each petition:*

...Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

**And teach us your judgments.**

### **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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.**

### **The Peace**

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

### **Welcome and Announcements**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Anthem

“Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven”

tune: *Cwm Rhondda*,  
arr. *James Kirkby*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

~Henry Francis Lyte

### Presentation Hymn

*Old 100th*

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

### The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer C

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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: S128**

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Mathias

Ho - - - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:*

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*Celebrant and People*

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*The Celebrant continues...*

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: 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.

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues...*

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**

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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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**Fraction Anthem: S152**

*Cantor* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.



## The Communion of the People

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.*

### Communion Hymns

Hymn 505	“O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God”	<i>O heiliger Geist</i>
Hymn 698	“Eternal Spirit of the living Christ”	<i>Flentge</i>
Hymn 593	“Lord, make us servants of your peace”	<i>Dickinson College</i>

### The Postcommunion Prayer

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.

### The Blessing

#### Closing Hymn 530

“Spread, O spread, thou mighty word”

*Gott sei Dank*

### The Dismissal

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Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

### Postlude



*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Nancy Jose  
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Dotty Weathersbee*

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

### MON.- FRI., JULY 17-21

- MORNING PRAYER  
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom
- SJDS SUMMER CAMP  
8:30 AM- 12:30 PM | SJDS
- PRAY FOR ECUADOR TEAM  
Returning home 7/21

### MONDAY, JULY 17

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF  
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA  
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

### TUESDAY, JULY 18

- MEN'S AL ANON  
5:15 PM | Lippitt Room
- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT  
GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER  
4:30-7:30 PM | Good Shepherd Center

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

- HOLY EUCHARIST  
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

### THURSDAY, JULY 20

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### FRIDAY, JULY 21

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### SATURDAY, JULY 22

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL ANON  
7:45-10:00 AM | Bishop Wright Room

### SUNDAY, JULY 23

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I  
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
9:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- LEMONADE & COOKIES  
10:15 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
10:30 AM | St. James Parish & Online

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the July 24<sup>th</sup> Digital Grapevine is Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

The deadline for the August Grapevine Magazine is July 24<sup>th</sup>. Email [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

# ST. JAMES PARISH

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

*July 18, 27 | 4:30-7:30 p.m. | The Good Shepherd Center*

The MoM Squad has agreed to serve meals to the homeless on the first and third Tuesday of each month and the fourth Thursday of each month. Please let us know if you would like to serve. Shifts run from 4:30 PM to about 7 PM. The guys who have already done this found it to be a very simple, yet highly rewarding, experience. If you can stand for 45 minutes, you can do this! Reach out to Brian McMerty to volunteer! ([bmcmetry@arris.partners](mailto:bmcmetry@arris.partners)).

### **JUST A TASTE: COOKING UP A BOOK POTLUCK EVENT**

*July 25 | 5:30 pm | The Brainard Home | RSVP Requested*

The Episcopal Church Women were so inspired by Sheri Castle's visit that we're taking on the project of creating a new St. James Cookbook featuring your favorite recipe and its "food story." To help us get started, the Rev. Cheryl Brainard would like to invite you to bring your recipe and dish to her home on Tuesday, July 25th at 5:30 p.m. for our Just a Taste: Cooking up a Book event! The Rev. Mary McKnight will lead us through a brief writing tutorial and teach us how to share our own food stories. Come ready to share your dish, recipe, and with a story in mind. Some of the best recipes and stories come from the men cooks in our lives, so we heartily invite men to this event, too. All are welcome! Please give the office a call or visit [stjamesp.org/blog/cookbook-event/](http://stjamesp.org/blog/cookbook-event/) to RSVP.

### **EFWM BACKPACK DRIVE UNDERWAY**

*Donations Due July 28th*

Summer is in full swing. We're calling on our parish family to help the Episcopal Farm Worker Ministry get an early start on their backpack and school supply drive. **Deadline for donations is Friday, July 28th at 12:00 p.m.** This year, we will be putting together an "Angel Tree" style drive. You can select a child to shop for and help make them feel ready for another year of learning. If you are interested in adopting a child to shop for, please complete the form online to let us know and we'll reach out to you when the backpack tags are available for selection and a list of supplies. Have questions about this year's drive? Please reach out to Catie Hodsdon or Taber Tornes.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

*July 31-August 3 | Sign Up Online or Call the Parish Office*

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it! We're in need of some helping hands to make it all come together. This year's VBS is July 31-August 3. We've got tons of great ways to get involved with this year's VBS. Email Ansley Trask at [christianformation@stjamesp.org](mailto:christianformation@stjamesp.org) to see where you can join the fun!

### **QUIET REFLECTION AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL**

*Saturday, August 5th | 7:30-8:30 a.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel*

Just as we need air to breath, water to drink, food to eat for our survival, our emotional and spiritual wellbeing needs silence and undistracting spaces to think, to rest, simply to be still, to listen for the moment of the Spirit. There are no rules about how to do this, just an invitation and an offering to a beautiful, sacred space in which to sit and rest. ALL ARE WELCOME!

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

*Wednesday, August 9th | 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Perry Hall*

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Blood is essential to help patients survive surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. This lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation. Please be generous and be a lifesaver! We are hosting a Parish & Community Blood Drive in Perry Hall on August 9th from 10:00-3:00 p.m. to benefit the American Red Cross. We encourage our parish family to participate by signing up to donate and/or volunteer. We have several ways to support the drive even if you are not planning to give blood.

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