



# THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

SUNDAY 21 JULY 2024  
8:00 A.M.

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

#### The Collect for Purity

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#### The Collect of the Day

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Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### The Lesson: Ephesians 2:11–22

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*Commentary: In these verses, Paul continued to explore and explain the profound mystery of the church. Within the body of Christ, barriers of race, culture and ethnicity are overcome. Because of Jesus' death, Gentiles and Jews are brought near to each other and to God. Ethnic distinctions are not dissolved in the church; instead, Jews and Gentiles are reconciled into a new, living community. Another result of Jesus' death is that all believers now have direct access to God the Father. Paul pictured the church as under construction. Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone and God is constantly adding new believers, who are further united by the indwelling Holy Spirit.*

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 89:20–37

*read responsively by whole verse*

*Tunc locutus es*

20 I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 **My hand will hold him fast \***  
**and my arm will make him strong.**

22 No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 **I will crush his foes before him \***  
**and strike down those who hate him.**

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 **I shall make his dominion extend \***  
**from the Great Sea to the River.**

*The psalm continues overleaf.*

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'  
27 **I will make him my firstborn \*  
and higher than the kings of the earth.**  
28 I will keep my love for him for ever, \*  
and my covenant will stand firm for him.  
29 **I will establish his line for ever \*  
and his throne as the days of heaven.**  
30 "If his children forsake my law \*  
and do not walk according to my judgments;  
31 **If they break my statutes \*  
and do not keep my commandments;**

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod \*  
and their iniquities with the lash;  
33 **But I will not take my love from him, \*  
nor let my faithfulness prove false.**  
34 I will not break my covenant, \*  
nor change what has gone out of my lips.  
35 **Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: \*  
'I will not lie to David.**  
36 His line shall endure for ever \*  
and his throne as the sun before me;  
37 **It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, \*  
the abiding witness in the sky.' "**

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:30–34, 53–56**

*NRSV*, p. 918

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

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**Prayer of Humble Access**

*in unison*

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**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

**The Communion of the People**      *Gluten-free wafers available upon request*      p. 338  
**Prayer of Thanksgiving**      *in unison*      p. 339

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

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 529**      "In Christ there is no East or West"      *McKee*

**The Dismissal**      p. 340

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**Downtown**  
*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon*  
*Guest Organist: The Reverend Dr. William J. Weisser*

**Mt. Lebanon Chapel**  
*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.*  
*8:30 Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Nancy Jose*  
*9:30 Preacher: The Reverend Robert Hooper*  
*Music: Tim Ford*

**St. Mary's, Burgaw**  
*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Nancy Jose*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Margueritte and Thomas Fish, Betty C. and J. Gordon Souther; Janet Shields Souther, and Bonnie Deibert*

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

**MON.- FRI., JULY 22-26**

- MORNING PRAYER  
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

**MONDAY, JULY 22**

- 2024 PARISH RETREAT: COME TO THE TABLE - REGISTRATION OPENS  
8:00 AM | Online
- FELLOWSHIP A.A.  
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

**TUESDAY, JULY 23**

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24**

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 25**

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT SGT. ASHLEY VETERAN'S CENTER  
5:00-7:00 PM | Sgt. Ashley Center

**FRIDAY, JULY 26**

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT A SAFE PLACE  
Point of Contact: Brian McMerty
- UNITY BUILD HOUSEWARMING  
9:00 AM | 1620 Dorsey Lane

**SATURDAY, JULY 27**

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

**SUNDAY, JULY 28**

- 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 AT MT. LEBANON  
10:15 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II  
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream

# TODAY AT ST. JAMES

## LEMONADE AT MT. LEBANON

*Through September 1st*

As we get ready to open Mt. Lebanon Chapel for the summer, you're invited to share in the ministry of cookies and lemonade! Each Sunday while we worship at Mt. Lebanon Chapel, we're looking for parishioners to sign up to provide and serve lemonade and cookies following the 9:30 a.m. service. Contact [Communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:Communications@stjamesp.org) if you are interested in learning more. If you are interested in providing supplies or serving, please visit our website to sign up!

## MEN ON A MISSION

The St. James Men on a Mission continues to serve dinner at Good Shepherd on the *first and third Tuesdays* of the month (4:30-7:00 pm), as well as at the Sgt Ashley Center (5:00-7:00 pm) for homeless veterans on the *fourth Thursday* of each month. If you are interested in signing up to serve, please reach out to Brian McMerty at [bmcmerly@arris.partners](mailto:bmcmerly@arris.partners).

## BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

*Sunday, August 18, 2024 | 4:00 -6:00 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel*  
Save the date! The St. James Bread Breakers' are hosting Hospitality at Home at Mt. Lebanon Chapel!

We invite everyone to bring a side dish and join us at 4:00 p.m. on the designated day to enjoy time together in a family-friendly atmosphere for a potluck-style dinner. Kids, Friends, and Guests are welcome! If you'd like an adult beverage and are of age, please feel free to BYOB.

The Bread Breakers began as a group of families with young children. With this group, you'll find a little chaos and a lot of laughter. Come join the fun, you don't need to have kids to be a part of the community! All are welcome.

## LET US KNOW!

Life is full of changes! We want to help support you through the bad and the good. If you, or a loved one would like a pastoral care visit or to request prayer, please make sure to reach out to our church office or our clergy. We want to know how we can be there for you. The parish office number is 910-763-1628. Similarly, if you've experienced a job change and have a new preferred email, or maybe you've moved and have a new mailing address, please make sure to let us know. Please reach out to [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org) to update your contact information.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UNITY BUILD: HOUSEWARMING CELEBRATION

*Friday, July 26 | 9:00 a.m. | 1620 Dorsey Lane*

This past spring, St. James participated in Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity's Unity Build. Along with several other local faith communities, we've come together to build and rehab two homes for families in need. We are excited to share that the home on 1620 Dorsey Lane is COMPLETE! All are warmly invited to join us as we hand over the keys to the family. Make plans to join us on Friday, July 26th at 9:00 a.m. for a short housewarming celebration.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS ON THE WAY: GET READY TO START THE PARTY!

*Set Up Week: July 29- August 2*

*VBS: August 5-8 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*

Vacation Bible School returns August 5th - 8th.

Registration for Start the Party is open and we have a few spaces remaining. There are ways for everyone to join the fun as we make plans to Start the Party! Let's celebrate the Good News!

Register online at:  
[stjamesp.org/vbs24/](https://stjamesp.org/vbs24/)

## Want to get involved?

As we begin to dive into planning for another wonderful VBS, we're calling on our parish family to help us make it happen. There are lots of ways to get involved! We have opportunities for all ages and abilities.

To volunteer, please email [christianformation@stjamesp.org](mailto:christianformation@stjamesp.org).

## COME TO THE TABLE: PARISH RETREAT REGISTRATION OPENS THIS MONTH

*RETREAT WEEKEND: September 27-29*

*REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, July 22nd*

We welcome our parish family to attend this year's Parish Retreat, where we will reflect in the shared faith and relationship that we bring and receive at the table. As followers of Christ once journeyed long roads to arrive in upper rooms for breaking bread, we too are each on our own spiritual paths. Whether in practices and rituals around the tables of our homes, in the sacred Eucharist at the table of our church, or in ensuring our tables invite the work of justice and peace, we hope to inspire a deeper value of the spiritual place of these tables. Come join us for times of individual, small group and community contemplation of the story of the Road to Emmaus for adults, youth and children alike. We will learn and play as a parish family. Join us as we explore this story in a variety of methods as well as have time for relaxation and respite. All are welcome to be a part of fellowship, food and fun at Trinity Center.

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