



# THE 10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 14, 2022

10 am

**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!*

*If you are new, or would like to update your information, please fill out a pew card.  
And please join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*The congregation is invited to observe silence during the prelude,  
out of respect for those who are listening, and as an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and healing.*

**Prelude** Communion

*Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

*Stand at the ringing of the bell.*

**Processional Hymn 366** Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

*Grosser Gott*

*Stanzas 1—4*

Priest **Blessed** be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Priest **Almighty** God, to 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.**

**Song of Praise S236** Benedictus es, Domine (Canticle 13)

*John Rutter (b. 1945)*

1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord

God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;

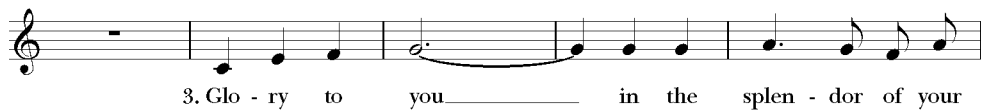
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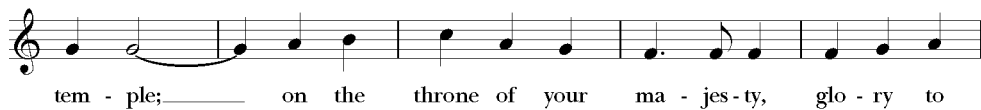
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praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.




3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your



tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to



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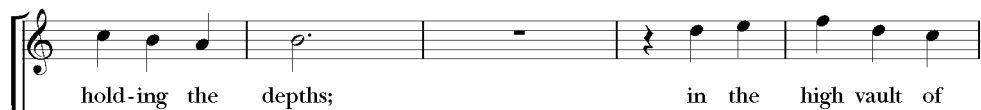
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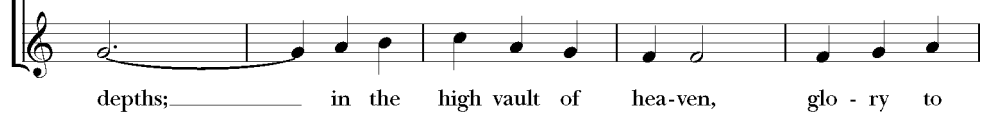
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5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the



hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of



depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_  
 you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,  
 — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you! \_\_\_\_\_  
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

**The Collect of the Day** *The people stand or kneel.*

Priest God be with you.

**People** And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

God of restless fire, and urgent river's flow: unsettle the false peace which hides our divisions; unfold our hearts to sense your presence; unloose your kingdom and make us one in Jesus Christ, the first of many brothers and sisters. **Amen.**

## Isaiah 5:1–7

*The prophet sings a sad parable about God's vineyard, Israel, and the destruction which must now come upon it. Despite all God's loving care, this vineyard brought forth only sour grapes. The Lord looked for right judgment and found wrong. God hoped for justice and instead heard cries of distress.*

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?  
And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.  
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 80:1–2, 8–18 *Qui regis Israel***

*A lament and a plea to the Lord, the shepherd of Israel, that the Lord will restore God's ravaged vineyard.*

- 1 **H**ear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## Hebrews 11:29–12:2

*Jesus the promised one has opened access to the Father in ways previous generations longed to see. The righteous men and women of former days performed all their deeds in faith, true to God and to such revelation as they had received. Now disciples are to set aside distractions and surmount every obstacle, encouraged by the witness of the faithful ancestors and walking confidently in the way forged by Jesus through the sacrifice of the cross.*

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Luke 12:49–56**

*Jesus foresees difficult times ahead: his own ordeal and the necessity of division even within families. He has come to bring the purifying fire of judgment, and must himself first undergo the baptism of suffering and death. Before there is any peace on earth, hard decisions leading to ruptures have to be made. The people should be like good weather-watchers in reading the signs of the times.*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Laurel Coote

*After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

The Nicene Creed *All Stand.*

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 worshipped 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.



## The Prayers of the People

*Enriching Our Worship; Form V*

*The people stand or kneel*

Leader Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed.

**People Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

**People Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

**People Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

**People Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

**People Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

**People Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Hear us as we remember those who have died, and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

**People Hear us, O Christ.**

Priest Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## **The Absolution**

Priest *Al*mighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace** *All stand.*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*The people exchange the peace with one another.*

## **Announcements** *All are seated.*

## **The Offertory**

Priest *L*et us give to God with generosity and gladness the offerings of our lives,  
our labors and our love.

**Offertory Anthem** Thy Perfect Love

*John Rutter (b. 1945)*

*Ben Brown, Soloist*

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,  
Thy perfect love close in my breast.  
That I thee love and never rest;  
And make me love thee all things best,  
And wounde my heart in they love free,  
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

**Offertory Hymn 472** Hope of the World

*Donne secours*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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** S125 Holy, holy, holy Lord from *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

Priest **W**e 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.

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**People** **W**e remember his death,  
**W**e proclaim his resurrection,  
**W**e await his coming in glory

Priest **A**nd 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 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.**

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

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

### Fraction Anthem S170 Whoever Eats This Bread

*The Cantor sings the antiphon, repeated by the people*

*Mode 1 melody;*

*adapt. Mason Martens (1933–1991)*

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

*Cantor*  
 1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven

*Cantor*  
 and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er

believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread

which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

Priest **T**his is the table of the Lord.  
It is made ready for those who love him, and for those who want to love him more.  
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,  
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long,  
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.  
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.  
It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

### **ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION**

All are welcome to receive communion. The table we set is the Lord's. Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.

The bread is received in the open palm.

If you choose to receive the cup, gently guide the chalice to your lips by touching the base.

**At this time, we are not able to allow dipping the wafer into the chalice.**

Those who prefer to receive a blessing, or who choose not to receive the cup,  
may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.

**Communion Hymn 661** They Cast Their Nets in Galilee

*Georgetown*

### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

Priest Let us pray.

People **L**oving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and  
nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and  
Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may  
proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our  
Savior. Amen.

## The Blessing

Priest    **T**he peace of the ocean wave be with you  
The peace of the ocean breeze surround you  
The peace of the quiet earth be in you  
The peace of the night stars cover you  
The deep peace of the son of Peace be always with you

## Recessional Hymn 347 Go Forth for God

*Lytton*

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

## Postlude Praeludium in G Minor

*Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

*The people are invited to listen and observe silence during the postlude.  
All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.*

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God*



*St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church celebrates God's diverse creation  
and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age, gender, sexual identity,  
culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability.*

## Weekly Bulletins available electronically

Whether you want to save the environment by using less paper,  
like the idea of reading on your device, want to see what's coming up  
or what is past, our weekly worship bulletins are available as a PDF  
online at [stdcv.org/bulletins](http://stdcv.org/bulletins)

THE 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
July 22, 2018

Readings: Leviticus 19:1-17; Psalm 119:101-112; Luke 11:14-23

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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Psalm 119:101-112  
Luke 11:14-23

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*Help us get to know you by*

## **Filling out a Pew Card**

If you are visiting us, are new to Saint Dunstan's, or if your contact information has changed, please fill out a Pew Card and drop it in the collection plate. Thanks!

*Sign up today to receive*

## **St. Dunstan's weekly eNews**

Getting weekly news, links to sermons, updates, and schedules is as simple as visiting [stdcv.org/subscribe](http://stdcv.org/subscribe) and entering your email address.

## **Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests**

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel [revlaurel@stdcv.org](mailto:revlaurel@stdcv.org) or on her cell 310-562-5746. And you can always leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church [831-624-6646](tel:831-624-6646) ext 110.

Our Daughters of the King chapter welcomes your prayer requests. Prayer requests may be sent to [dok@stdcv.org](mailto:dok@stdcv.org). The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.



*Giving Has Never Been Easier!*

## **New System for Giving**

We are rolling out a new system for electronic giving at St. Dunstan's that will streamline giving and save us money at the same time!



Scan this QR code to access our online giving portal where you can make a general gift, pay for altar flowers, support Nancy's Project or the Haiti Team, pay towards your pledge, or even set up recurring payments. And, with the click of a box you can also opt to cover the processing fees which helps us make the most of your donation.

## **Composting and Recycling**

There is a new compost tub in the kitchen that can be used to collect compostable items that can then be taken to our composter outside.



For more information about that "whats?" and "hows?" of recycling and composting, look for the posted fliers in the kitchen. Thank you for helping us comply with these new requirements.



## COVID-19 Rapid Tests Available Today

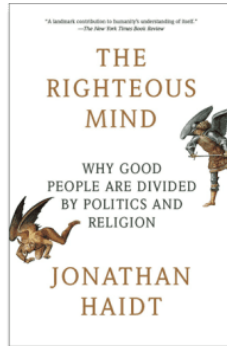
We will have COVID-19 Rapid Tests available this morning for anyone who needs them. To get yours, visit the Welcome Table after both the 8 am and 10 am Holy Eucharists.

### Discussion Group

Sundays, 9 am

We will discuss the The Righteous Mind, by Jonathan Haidt.

We meet in the Guild Room. If you would like to join us via Zoom, or for more info, please contact Janel Hornbeck.



### Last Chance for Summer Choir

The last Sunday of Summer Choir will be August 21. We meet at 8:30 in the choir area of Brock Hall, then move into the church at 9 am for final preparations for the 10 am liturgy. Join us!

### Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to [office@stdcv.org](mailto:office@stdcv.org) by midnight Sunday.



### Helping Ukraine

One way you can help the people of Ukraine is through our own Episcopal Relief & Development office. The ERD does good work all around the world, all the time. And you can rest assured that the money will be used as intended. Give today at [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org)

### Dedicate Altar Flowers

This is a lovely and meaningful way to give Glory to God in celebration of a birthday, or in thanksgiving, or in memory of a loved one. The cost of the flowers is \$20, but some give more. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan's with "Altar Flowers" in the memo.

Sign up on the Welcome Table

## I-HELP Sign-up Sheet on Welcome Table

Check out the welcome table this next Sunday if you want to sign-up for food donations for our dinner on Thursday, August 18th.

*Your support means so much!*

### *Extending St. Dunstan's Hospitality* **Help Host Coffee Hour**

Coffee Hour Hosts play an important role in our offering of hospitality on Sundays. From making coffee and tidying up after, to bringing something perhaps made, perhaps purchased for folks to nibble while they visit, Hosts get to make a huge impact while being a behind-the-scenes servant. And yes, being a Coffee Hour Host is no less than embodying and expressing the love of God.

If you have been a coffee hour host in the past, or are interested in learning more about how you can help us express our extraordinary hospitality through being a Coffee Hour Host, please consider signing up on the Welcome Table or contact the church office for more information.



### **Heavenly Pie Sale is Back!!**

**Sunday, August 28th**

**following the 8 am and 10 am services**

Whole pies and pie slices will be available for purchase. Donate your favorite sweet or savory pie.

**Sign up at the Welcome Table** after church. We need bakers, servers (2 per service) and cashiers (1 per service). Or [click here](#) to let us know how you would like to help.

*Proceeds will benefit church hospitality*

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### **St. Dunstan's Staff**

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# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY—THURSDAY, 9 AM—12 NOON

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## Sunday, August 14

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Discussion Group
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour

## Monday, August 14

- 5:30 pm Zoom Compline

## Tuesday, August 16

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm St. Dunstan's Foundation Mtg
- 7:30 pm AA

## Wednesday, August 17

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 4:30 pm Haiti Team Meeting

## Thursday, August 18

- 4:00 pm I-Help  
Vestry Meeting

## Friday, August 19

- 4:00 pm I-Help Men

## Saturday, August 20

- 4:00 pm I-Help Women

## Sunday, August 21

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View the entire parish calendar [stdev.org/calendar](http://stdev.org/calendar)

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Bette Nybakken  | 10 Sandy Hendrickson | 23 Jacey Talley    |
| 3 June Saunders   | 10 Patricia Stewart  | 25 Jocelyn Lagier  |
| 4 Ann Quattlebaum | 17 Carol Stang       | 28 Sienna Anderson |
| 4 Elise Simonsen  | 19 Noemy Garcia      | 31 Nathan Lagier   |
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## **WE HOPE YOU FIND YOURS HERE**

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

## **WHAT WE ARE FOR**

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families. We believe that God is love, and we pray that God will use us to spread that love.

## **WHAT WE ARE AGAINST**

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

## **WHAT WE VALUE**

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

## **WELCOME!**

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