



ST. DUNSTAN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## September 21, 2025

### 8 am

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

*St. Dunstan's acknowledges that the land on which we gather, and which we steward, is the historic territory of the Rumsen and Esselen peoples, who cared for this land throughout the generations. We give thanks for their strength and resilience in protecting this land, and aspire to uphold our responsibilities according to their example.*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*All stand at the ringing of the bell.*

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

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

**People** **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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

**Priest** The Lord be with you.

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

**Priest** Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

**Jeremiah 8:18–9:1**

*The prophet laments both the heavy word that it is his duty to carry to the people, and the stubborn resistance of the people to repentance. The prophet's heart is, like the Lord's own heart, sick with grief and trouble, as one found constantly weeping.*

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,  
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people  
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?  
Is her King not in her?"

"Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,  
with their foreign idols?"

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,  
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?  
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people  
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night  
for the slain of my poor people!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 79:1–9**

*A psalm of lament in a day of destruction, with petition for the Lord's help and deliverance.*

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
they have profaned your holy temple; \*  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the  
birds of the air, \*  
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the  
field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of  
Jerusalem, \*  
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, \*  
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? \*  
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known  
you \*  
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your  
Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob \*  
and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;  
let your compassion be swift to meet us; \*  
for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; \*  
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

## **1 Timothy 2:1–7**

*Disciples are called upon to pray for all, including political rulers, so that Christians may lead peaceable and moral lives. It is God's will that everyone should find salvation. Jesus is the mediator between the one God and humanity; he has sacrificed himself for the freedom of all. Paul has been appointed an apostle to make his saving work known to the Gentiles. During this period the newborn Christian movement was a tiny part of society and Christians felt that they needed peaceful conditions to spread the gospel. They usually took a positive view of the functions of the state in maintaining peace and justice.*

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;  
there is also one mediator between God and  
humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,  
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*All Stand.*

## **Luke 16:1–13**

*The story of the steward who, when dismissed for mismanagement, showed himself to be very shrewd. This is followed by teaching about Mammon, that is, worldly wealth. The joke would be on us if we fastened on the details of the story. The man's obviously dishonest behavior forces us to look more deeply for what is admirable about him—his readiness to face up to reality, together with his unquenchable hopefulness in the face of calamity. This is to be the attitude of Jesus' followers as the kingdom with its time of challenge and judgment approaches. The teaching on money suggests that disciples must know its significance, while never serving it.*

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

*After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

The Rev. Laurel Coote

## **The Nicene Creed** *All Stand.*

*Enriching Our Worship*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and  
became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

Form VI

*The people stand or kneel*

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God  
*silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Bishop, Lucinda; and for all other ministers.

**People For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader For the needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray today especially for;

Hear us Lord;

**People For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks today for the ministry of *Buildings and Grounds*, who work diligently to keep our church and property safe and functioning. .

*Silence*

*The people may add their own thanksgivings*

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Today we remember and pray for;  
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People Who put their trust in you.**

Priest Lord God, we pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

**All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Absolution**

Priest Almighty God, have mercy upon you, forgive all your sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, and strengthen you to live in the power of the Holy Spirit all your days. **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 LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*During the setting of the table a collection is taken to support the life and ministry at St. Dunstan's. The people's offerings of bread, wine and money or other gifts will be brought to the priest. The people stand while the offerings are presented. Offerings may also be made online at [www.stdcv.org](http://www.stdcv.org)*

Priest Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

## **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 our 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:

**People Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

We 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 We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory**

Priest And 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 forever.

**People Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.*

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People We who are many are one body, for we share in the one bread.**

Priest 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.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who come in faith seeking a deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward to receive the bread in your 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. You may have communion brought to your seat by notifying an usher.

Prayers for yourself or another are available during Communion by a member of the Daughters of the King in the back of the church near the Sacristy door.

## The Prayer After Communion

Priest Let us pray.

**People** 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** *All Stand.*

## The Dismissal

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

**People** Thanks be to God!

*All are welcome at coffee hour.*

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*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and  
In Thanksgiving for Jill Sprague and Katie Amuchasequi*



**come. explore. serve. be.**

**Come** walk with us in faith and friendship.  
Share our desire to **explore** our relationship with God  
and support one another.  
Join us to make a difference in our world;  
**serve** all with compassion.  
**Be** yourself among us.

***Don't* come to church next Sunday at 8:00am!**

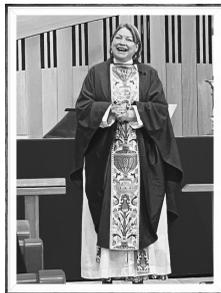
*because*

**The Bishop is coming and there will be only ONE service at 10am!**

**AND**

**The Blessing of the Animals!**

So join us at 10am to welcome Bishop Lucinda and bring your pet  
(or a photo of your pet) for the Blessing of the Animals.



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS!!

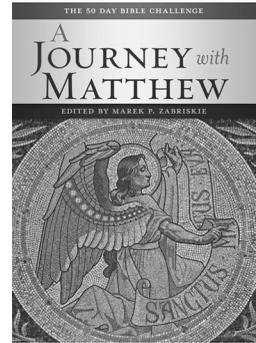
Our Bible study continues with the **Gospel of Matthew**

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

“Come walk with us in faith and friendship”  
as we journey together with Matthew.



**Sunday School begins Today!**

**Join us in Brock Hall at 10am**

**September/October Schedule**

September 7th

September 21st

October 5th

October 19th

*Children's books and activity  
clipboards are  
available in the back of the church.*

### **Guitar in the Afternoon: An Intimate Recital with Anthony DeMers**



Carmel Guitar  
Society President

Anthony DeMers

will offer an informal afternoon recital Saturday afternoon, Sept 27, 3 pm, in the casual setting of St. Dunstan's Brock Hall. He'll play a selection of contemplative works written by composers from the 14th to the 20th centuries, including several pieces holding particularly special meaning for him. Anthony is a guitar teacher and luthier with a waiting list for his beautiful instruments. This is a free performance; donations are welcome.

## Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

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

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



The grant cycle for the St. Dunstan's Foundation closes on 9/30.

Organizations can find the grant application forms at our church

website: [saintdunstanschurch.org/foundation](http://saintdunstanschurch.org/foundation). You will also find a list of last years grant recipients on the website.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions about our mission!

Georgia Byrne, President



**High Tea following Evensong  
on October 19th.**

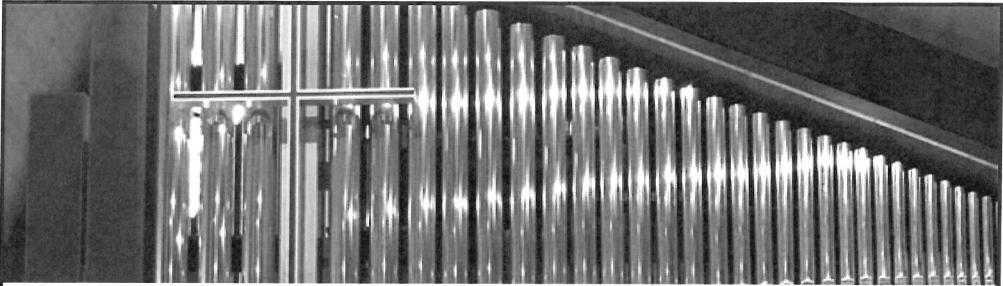
We are looking for 6 ceramic teapots, and teacups if you have them, to utilize for the high tea we will be hosting after the music program on October 19th. If you no longer need your teapot and/or cups and want to donate them for the event we would welcome the donation as this will be one of many high teas we will be hosting in the future. If you can only spare your teapot for this event please place your name on the bottom of the teapot and bring it to the church by October 5th. If you have any questions regarding this request please reach out to Mystery Chastain.



*Help us get to know you by*

**Filling out a Pew Card**

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



*Music at St. Dunstan's*  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Choral Evensong**  
**Sunday, October 19**  
**4 pm**



**Yale Whiffenpoofs**  
**Saturday, October 25**  
**7 pm**



**Emi Saeki, Organ**  
**Sunday, November 16**  
**3 pm**



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## **St. Dunstan's Vestry**



Susan Pitts, Senior Warden  
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Jack Enbom  
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Carol Langland  
George Lockwood  
Perry Rosen

## **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 suggested donation is \$30. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan's with "Altar Flowers" in the memo.



Sign up on the Welcome Table.

## ***Wonder what's going on at St. Dunstan's?***

*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.

# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN TUESDAY - THURSDAY 9AM –1PM

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## Sunday, September 21

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Adult Faith Formation  
Gospel of Matthew
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:15 am Coffee Hour

## Monday, September 22

Office Closed

## Tuesday, September 23

- 11:00am PEO Luncheon
- 4:30 pm Zoom Compline
- 5:30 pm Adult Faith Formation  
Gospel of Matthew
- 7:30 pm AA

## Wednesday, September 24

- 10:00am Conversation and Communion  
Holy Eucharist
- 11:00am Adult Faith Formation  
Gospel of Matthew
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

## Thursday, September 25

## Friday, September 26

## Saturday, September 27

- 9:00am Episcopal 101
- 3:00 pm Anthony Demer Guitar Recital

## Sunday, September 28

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Adult Faith Formation  
Gospel of Matthew
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)  
Bishop's visit and Blessing of the  
Animals
- 11:15 am Bishop Reception and Meeting  
With the Haiti Ministry

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

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| September 4—Georgia Byrne     | September 15—Dick Habermann  |
| September 11—Cynthia Tiberend | September 25—Joan Franz      |
| September 12—Sarah Pease      | September 27—Margo Vermilyer |
| September 14—Mike Carter      | September 28—Carolyn Perkins |
| September 14—Marcia Lockwood  |                              |
| September 14—Susan Pitts      |                              |

## Sermon Notes

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