



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

July 23, 2017: The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost at 10:30am

Music

Prelude	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now</i>	<i>Paul Manz/J.S. Bach</i>
Entrance	<i>We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder</i>	LEVAS 220
Offertory Anthem	<i>The Beauty of Thy Love</i>	Mary Kay Beal, Lloyd Larson
Offertory	<i>Sine Nomine</i>	See bulletin
Communion Hymns	<i>Rendez a Dieu</i>	Hymnal 302
	<i>Torah Song</i>	Hymnal 536
Exit	<i>St. Denio</i>	Hymnal 423
Postlude	<i>If You but Trust in God to Guide You</i>	J.S. Bach

Scripture

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st Lesson *Please be seated*

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave

you until I have done what I have promised you. Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it! And he was afraid, and said, How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23 *All sing the refrain after the cantor, and where indicated.*



Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me. **Refrain.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. **Refrain.**

If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike. **Refrain.**

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting. **Refrain**

2nd Lesson

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, Abba! Father! it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ— if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel *Please stand*

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from? He answered, An enemy has done this. The slaves said to him, Then do you want us to go and gather them? But he replied, No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn. Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, Explain to us the parable of the weeds of

the field. He answered, The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Marvin Alexander
in memory of Eric W. Alexander and Maybelle E. Alexander.*

Worship Leaders

Celebrant	The Rev. Marc Smith	Chalice & Crucifer	Joe Adams
Preacher	The Rev. Mike Angell	Lectors	Ryan Freedle,
Guest Organist	Ruth Tweeten		Cecily Hawksworth
Guest musicians:	Juliet Jackson, Tim Riley	Ushers	Megan Ondr,
Chalice	Mary Haggerty		David Motherwell
Intercessor	Doug Black	Altar Guild	Jean Parker

Announcements

School Supplies Students at Barbara C. Jordan Elementary School will need new school supplies when classes resume in August. Let's support them by filling the basket in the Narthex in the next few weeks. Items needed include new backpacks, crayons, colored pencils, washable markers, glue/glue sticks, highlighters, blunt scissors, wide ruled spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, 2-pocket folders (Blue, Green, Yellow or Red), 3-ring binders, Playdough, #2 Pencils, pencil boxes/pouches, large pink erasers, tissues, zip-lock bags (all sizes), headphones, hand sanitizer/wipes. Find a complete list at www.holycommunion.net.

Theology on Tap August 1 (6:30pm) "Get thee to a nunnery?" In recent months a national spotlight has been turned on the book "The Benedict Option." Is monasticism the faithful response to a troubled world? This month's speaker is Alden Bass, professor of theology at SLU and a founding member of the "Lotus House" a "new monastic" community in North St. Louis. Theology on Tap meets the 1st Tuesday each month for good food and conversation at Dressels Pub in the Central West End. Read more at the Theology on Tap website: www.pubtheologystl.org.

Summer Pickup Choir August 20 and 27 9:30am Have you missed the choir during the summer months? Then come sing in our summer pickup choir on August 20th and 27th. You can come to one or both! We'll meet in the sanctuary at 9:30am, sing through the appointed hymns and psalm, then learn a simple anthem for that morning's service. It's a great way to meet a few of the choir members, and to enjoy singing in a choir for a couple days. Questions? Just email Mary Chapman at mchapman@holycommunion.net.