



Holy Eucharist
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 26th, 2021

10:30 am Service

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn- *Christ, whose glory fills the skies (v. 1&3)*

Hymnal 7

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

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

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

Celebrant 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.***

Gloria

Hymnal S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly
 King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus
 Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy
 on us; 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Reader A reading from the book of Esther (7:1-6,9-10;9:20-22).

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The Psalm Appointed

Reader The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 124. Let us read in unison.

If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;

Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

*We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.*

*Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.*

Second Reading

Reader A reading from the letter of James (5:13-20).

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence *If thou but trust in God to guide thee (v.1)*

Hymnal 635

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

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Holy Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (9:38-50).

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

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Rev. Patricia Riggins

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 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: Form III

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Reader Father, we pray for The Episcopal Church; St. Michael and All Angels', Blanco;
St. Philip's, Beeville; our Vestry and staff; and for your holy Catholic Church;
People ***That we all may be one.***
Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***
Reader We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and his wife Caroline; Michael our
Presiding Bishop and his wife, Sharon; David our bishop and his wife, Patti;
Stephen our rector and his wife, Jennifer; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Reader We pray for Joe our President, Greg our Governor, Donna our Mayor, for the Congress and Supreme Court of this nation, for all legislators and jurists in our state, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Reader Have compassion on Danielle Barker Alvarado, Bob Blevins, Pablo Sosa, Emmett Donegan, Mary Louise Donegan, Ernestine Nelson, Sally Swope, Missy Allan Camp, David Hamer, Alex McInnis, Jim Miller, Carolyn Lehman, Penny Sengler, Theresa Zapata, Jean Norris, all who suffer from the effects of the novel coronavirus, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Reader Preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger;

People ***and bring them in safety to their journey's end.***

Reader Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit,

People ***That by their ministries, the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified.***

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Reader We praise you for Blessed Andrew and all your saints who have entered into joy;

People ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For our armed forces and their families at home and abroad

For our friends and family who are homebound or residing in care and recovery facilities, especially: Helen Martinson, Kenneth Minter, Ann Benham, Audrey Herron, Betty Rainey, and Patsy Creager.

For La Iglesia Episcopal Manos de Dios and its work in Honduras.

Silence *The People may add their own petitions.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence is kept.

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.*

Celebrant 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.**

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Birthday Prayers

Celebrant and People

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Holly Modl, Amanda Palasky, Theresa May, and Bernie Mueller, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayers

Celebrant and People

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon your servants, Wayne & Diane Beeman and Andy & Marsha Castanon, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn- *Shepherd Me, O God-M. Haugen*

Leo Garcia- Soloist

Doxology-

Celebrant and People:

*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.*

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sursum Corda-

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface

Celebrant 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

Hymnal S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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After the Sanctus: You may kneel or remain standing for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Celebrant On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

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

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People *Christ has died.*

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.***

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread-

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Hymnal S154

All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will know to give you a blessing. If you would like to be baptized, please speak with Fr. Stephen!

Invitation

Celebrant 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.

Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn- *Guide my feet Lord*

Wonder, Love, and Praise 819

1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I

don't want to run this race in vain. _____
 don't want to run this race in vain. _____
 don't want to run this race in vain. _____

Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.***

Blessing

Postcommunion Hymn- *Go forth for God (v. 1&4)*

Hymnal 347

VERSE 1

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
 be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
 in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
 till in his kingdom we behold his face.

VERSE 4

Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,
 to serve God's people every day and hour,
 and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
 rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude- *A Mighty Fortress- arr. W. Held*

Wendi Gustafson-Organ



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Marty and Don Keil in praise and thanksgiving for family.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (McKeogh Hall)

12:00 p.m. Service for Healing (Chapel)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

8:00 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew's (McKeogh Hall)

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Youth House on Crockett Street.

Ministers in the Lord's Service

Celebrant- Fr. Stephen Shortess

Preacher- Rev. Patricia Riggins

Lay Reader- Robin Walker

Crucifer- Gabby Rosito

Altar Guild- Betty Anderson, Mozzelle Dempster, Sandy Merrell

Ushers- Wayne & Pam Roitsch

Offertory Tellers- Al & Janice Pruitt

Vestry of the Week- Ellen Stone

Musicians- Wendi Gustafson- Music Director/Organ, Samuel Gaytan- Violin

Leo Garcia- Choir Director/Cantor, Ellie Follis- Soloist, Kayla Hinton- Soloist

Cameramen/Technicians- Aaryn Perry, Gil Merkle, Jack Merrell, Betty Anderson,

Will Follis, Warren Wundt

Sound- Jim Anderson

Please send prayer requests by email to: secretary@standrewseguin.org

Announcements

Join us next Sunday at 9:15 am in McKeogh Hall as we continue our Adult Christian Formation classes. Fr. Stephen and Rev. Patricia Riggins will begin taking turns leading us as we begin the study of "*Family Theology: Finding God in Very Human Relationships*" by Bishop Carol Gallagher. You can purchase a book on Amazon, or if you need help purchasing one, please let the office know. Be sure to join us!

Has your pet been to church this year? No? Then grab your pet and a bag of dog or cat food and meet us in the **St. Andrew's Community Garden on Saturday, October 2 at 9 am for our Blessing of the Animals service**. All furry, scaly, and feathery friends are welcome! Pet food will be donated to the Seguin City Shelter pet food pantry and the Starcke Park Feral Cat Program. See you there!

Mark your calendars! Plan to join us on October 17th when Canon Caroline Mowen from the Diocese will be our guest speaker to talk about "Every Perfect Gift" at all 3 services!

A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our church to help each of us know each other better, and it is time for a new one. Please **make an appointment** to have your picture taken on our church's website www.standrewseguin.org. We will also include the link on our Facebook page and we will send out an email with the link provided. If you have any issues making your appointment, please call the office and we will help you. Your participation will help the church and yourself. So please, sign-up today! Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost.

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