

# Twenty–first Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 24

October 17, 2021 | 9:00 am

**The Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church** 5725 Stearns School Road, Gurnee, Illinois (847) 336-3730 | annunciationgurnee.org

## Welcome to Annunciation

#### **Before Worship**

We ask that conversations and greetings before the worship service happen in the Narthex. We try to keep the Nave as a space for prayer and contemplation as we enter into worship.

#### **Indoor Worship**

If you are not feeling well, please stay home. Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask inside the building.

#### What's Happening

The Parish News is your guide to everything happening in our parish. The bulletin contains everything you need to fully participate in the service. Some of the music we will sing can be found in either the Red or Blue hymnal in your pew.

#### Communion

All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Communion. Come forward to the altar, either one "pod" together or one individual at a time, and receive the wafer. Take a cup and after you have consumed the wine, put it in the glass container by the pulpit. Then make your way back to your seat or to the chapel for healing prayers.

#### Hospitality

After the service, please enjoy good food, coffee, and conversation in the Parish Hall.

#### Let's Get Connected!

We want to get to know you better and tell you more about our community. Please fill in a Newcomer Card, available at the Communications Center near the main entrance.

#### Children

We welcome children to participate fully, and we do not expect them to be perfectly quiet. If your child needs a break, feel free to bring them to the Narthex (lobby) or make use of our Nursery: take a left as you exit the worship space, down the hall. There are also activity sheets and crayons available in the narthex for busy hands!

#### Restrooms

The main restrooms are off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space. A

gender-neutral restroom is located to your left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

#### Wheelchair Accommodations

There are wheelchair-friendly spaces in the pews, on the outside aisles. Accessible restroom stalls are in the main restrooms off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space.

#### **Hearing Assistance**

Hearing devices are located on the table near the main entrance. Please ask an usher for assistance.

#### Offering

There will be a collection plate at the entrance of the Nave for your offering.

#### **Online Worship**

To facilitate everyone being able to hear during the service, everyone will be muted on Zoom, except for the person speaking.

Please close all other applications on the device you are using. If you are having connection issues, try turning off the video. You will still be able to hear the service.

#### Streaming to Facebook Live

If you weren't able to join us for our live service, the video will be available at: https://www.facebook.com/annunciationgurnee/li ve/

You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the video.

The Sanctuary candle is given for the Glory of God.

The Altar Flowers are given by Megan Dailey in memory of Patsy Van Rooy.

Please ask an usher or worship leader for assistance with anything you need.

# The Liturgy of the Word

## **Organ Prelude**



Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: In Babilone, melody from Oude en Niewe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu, 1710; harm. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935) Copyright ©1984, Roy F. Kehl. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Celebrant:	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People:	And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

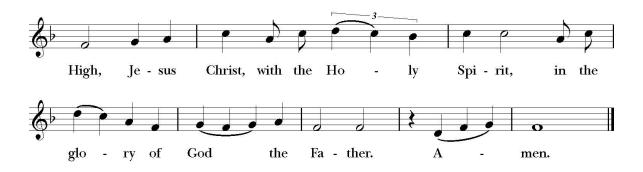
### **Collect for Purity**

Celebrant and People, say together

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.

### Glory to God #S-280





## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *People:* Amen.

*Celebrant:* Let us hear what God's Spirit is saying to God's people.

Please be seated.

### The First Lesson

(Job 38:1-7, 34-41)

*Reader:* A reading in which The Lord Answers Job.

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

> "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?

"Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?"

Reader:The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

### The Psalm (104:1-9, 25, 37)

*Reader:* The psalmist sings of God the Creator and Provider. Let us offer the psalm by whole verse.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; \* O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak\* and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; \* you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

## You make the winds your messengers \* and flames of fire your servants.

You have set the earth upon its foundations, \* so that it never shall move at any time.

# You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; \* the waters stood higher than the mountains.

At your rebuke they fled; \* at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

# They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, \* to the places you had appointed for them.

You set the limits that they should not pass; \* they shall not again cover the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! \* in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Hallelujah!

## The Second Lesson

(Hebrews 5:1-10)

*Reader:* Here the author of the letter to the Hebrews proclaims Jesus as the Great High Priest.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

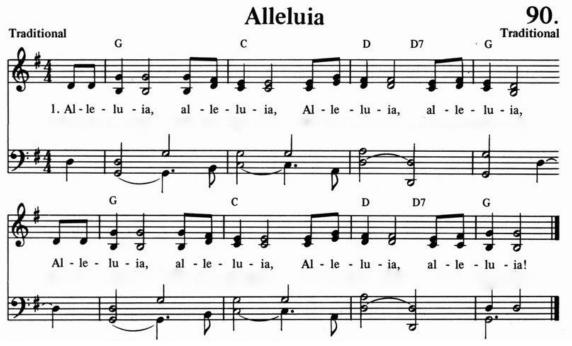
"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader:The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**



### The Gospel

Celebrant:

(Mark 10:35-45)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

## An Affirmation of Faith

Please stand as you are able. Celebrant and People, say together.

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcame death.

You are our God. We worship you. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer, Form III

*Leader* Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; this morning we remember Fort Dauphin in the Diocese of Toliara, Madagascar and the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

People That we all may be one.

LeaderGrant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;PeopleThat your Name may be glorified by all people.

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; including Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Paula our Bishop-elect, Chilton our Assisting Bishop, Pastor Jenni, Deacon Linda, and Rev Jane.

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

LeaderWe pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;PeopleThat there may be justice and peace on the earth.

- Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; People That our works may find favor in your sight.
- LeaderHave compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.PeopleThat they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest. This morning we remember Jannette Kellogg

(10/21/20). People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

- Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
- *Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

*Leader:* For those weighted down by despair, suffering from addiction, or burdened by illness, that they may experience the freedom which the Spirit gives to the Children of God. This morning we pray especially for *Bishop-elect Paula*; *Bishop Samy*; *Andrew*; *Josianne*; *Pam*; *Fritz*; *Garry*; *Sahondra*, *Elinah*, *Laudrina*, *Romania*, *and Mendrica*; *Ashley*; *Rob*; *Greg*, *Joe*, *Helene*; *Marsha*; *John*; *Noah*; *Charlie*; *Logan*; *Tom*; *Debbie*; *Jenny*; *Linda and Ralph*; *Susan and Dave*; *and the people served by Sunrise Assisted Living and PADS*.

Leader: For all those who serve in the Armed Forces, including Liam Mellen, Chad VanHorn, Christopher Pavy, Nick Unda, Ian Pocklington, Ethan Pocklington, Christopher Froelich, Karl Mohrmann, Trish Hull, Clay Anderson, and Quinton Hocking, let us pray to the Lord.

*Leader:* Gracious lover of souls, we pray for *Elizabeth and Tom*, and all those who celebrate anniversaries. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their life.

*Celebrant*: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

## The Peace

A Wee Worship Book, 4th ed.

Celebrant: Not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a half-hearted peace, but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ is here with us now.

#### People: Let us share it with each other.

After you have greeted others, please have a seat.

## Offertory

*Celebrant:* If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your sibling has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first to be reconciled to them, and then come and offer your gift.

## **Offertory Hymn #458**

My song is love unknown

love Sa - vior's love to me, song is love un known, my Mv 1 sal - va - tion be - stow, but to came from his blest throne 2 He his strong prais - es sing, re and \*3 Some - times they strew his way, Whatmakes this rage and spite? He \*4 Why, what hath my Lord done? my dear Lord made a - way; я \*5 They rise, and needs will have 0 shown that they might love ly be. love - less to the 1 But would know. none the longed - for Christ men made strange, and 2 their King. Then ho - san - nas to all the day 3\_ sound - ing Sweet. their sight. blind run, he gave the to 4 made the lame Yet save, the Prince of Life they slay. they 5 mur - der - er sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die? I that for my who am 1 need his life did spend. O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my 2 death they thirst and cry. is all their breath, and for his <u>3</u> "Cru - ci - fy!" at these them-selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise. in - ju - ries! Yet they foes from thence might free. to suf - fering goes, that he his stead-fast he 5 my sake my Lord should take frail fiesh, and die? I that for who am 1 need his life did spend. O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my 2 death they thirst and cry. 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them-selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise. foes from thence might free. his to suf - fering goes, that he stead-fast he 5 7 Here might I stay and sing, \*6 In life no house, no home no story so divine: my Lord on earth might have; never was love, dear King, in death no friendly tomb never was grief like thine. but what a stranger gave. This is my friend, What may I say? in whose sweet praise Heaven was his home; I all my days but mine the tomb could gladly spend. wherein he lay. Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.

Music: Love Unknown, John Ireland (1879-1962)

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## **Presentation Hymn** | Doxology

Please stand, as able, and sing:



## The Holy Communion

Please stand as you are able.

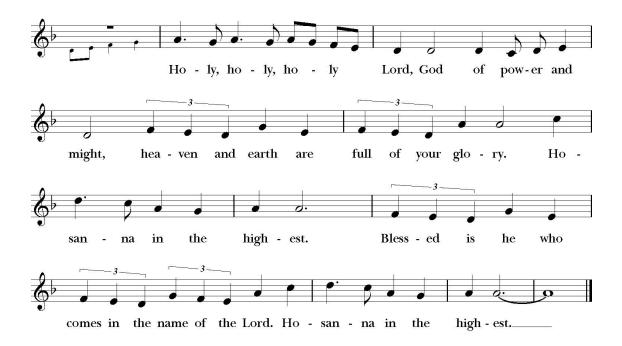
## The Great Thanksgiving

- The Lord be with you. Presider:
- And also with you. People:
- Lift up your hearts. Presider:
- We lift them to the Lord. People:
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Presider: It is right to give God thanks and praise. People:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and

given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Book of Common Prayer: Prayer A



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.

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." 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 forever. *People:* AMEN!

## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: 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.

## Sending of the Eucharistic Visitors

The Deacon sends parishioners to bring Communion and companionship to the sick and homebound. This morning, parishioners will lead the service at Sunrise Assisted Living Center.

## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant:Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.People:Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant:* These are the gifts of God and we are the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

#### **Receiving Communion**

You're Invited: This is Jesus' table; he made no restrictions, and neither do we.

- Host: Our communion is by wafer. The priest will place the wafer in your hand.
- Wine: Take a cup and after you have consumed the wine, put it in the glass container by the lectern. You also may abstain from receiving the wine.

Gluten: Gluten-free wafers are available. Ask the priest for one when you come up.

Healing prayers will be offered in the chapel during the distribution of Holy Communion. Please make your way to the prayer station after receiving communion, if you desire personal prayers with a prayer minister. At this time we are unable to offer anointing.

## Communion Meditation Music Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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 of the Holy Water**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into new life, and by the power of your life-giving Spirit ever cleanses and sanctifies your people: bless, we pray you, this water for the service of your holy Church; and grant that it may be a sign of the cleansing and refreshment of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Celebrant and People together say,

Cleanse me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

#### The Blessing

Celebrant:	Let us pray.
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	The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds
	in the knowledge and love of God and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And
	the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and
	remain with you always.
People:	Amen.

### Welcome & Announcements

## **Closing Hymn #660**

O Master, let me walk with thee



Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918) Music: Maryton, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898)

### The Dismissal

Deacon:Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!People:Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## **Organ Postlude**

## Ministers of the service

Dale Sander Crucifer 1st Reader & Samantha Robison Psalm 2nd Reader Carol Eads Elizabeth Nemeth Pravers Barb Clark and Leanne Ulmer Ushers Digital Verger Mike Robison Sunrise Minister Elizabeth Danos and Pam Myers Altar Guild Jan Harastany Healing Minister Michael Chatlien

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Annunciation is a place...

To be included To be honest To be challenged To be empowered To find hope

## Thank You



**?** Today's coffee hour hosts:

Deb Modde and Elaine O'Neil

## Parish Announcements and Calendar

#### **All Saints Remembrances**

We are going to bring back the All Saints remembrance table this year.

Please select a favorite photo, cherished possession, inherited item or anything that reminds you of a relative or friend that has passed away, and bring it with you to church on October 31st when we will be celebrating All Saints Day at Annunciation. The reminders could be something that the person made, a craft project, a knitted scarf, or a favorite piece of music, a painting or other art work, a favorite recipe. Anything that will go on the table is acceptable, unless it moves under its own power, i.e. a pet. We will set up a table in the Narthex so that the items can be shared with the rest of the congregation. Please contact Pastor Jenni or Charles O'Morchoe if you have any questions.

Thank you Charles O'Morchoe

#### All Saints Sunday

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on October 31, 2021. As is our custom, you are invited to remember the saints of your life and offer their names for reading in the Prayers of the People. Email Pastor Jenni

(<u>rector@annunciationgurnee.org</u>) with names and pronunciation guide before 10/28/21.

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.

> QPR: Question, Persuade, Refer



#### October 28th, 7:00-9:00pm

QPR is an internationally recognized suicide prevention program designed to help you have a conversation with someone having thoughts of suicide. You will

be trained to recognize suicide warning signs, approach someone who may be at risk, persuade the person to seek appropriate services, and connect the person to resources that will help. Similar to CPR, QPR is intended to educate and empower ALL people to make a positive and effective difference in the life of someone in a mental health crisis, no matter your background or experience. Attend this workshop and learn how to support your family, friends and colleagues in need by effectively employing the three steps of QPR: Question, Persuade, Refer. **Please reach out to Becky De Rosa with any questions at** <u>rebeccad@warrentownship.net</u>

#### **Tailgate Sunday**

The great rivalry between the Bears and the Packers is about to heat up. And you are invited to tailgate with chief cheerleaders, Bill Hagan and Mike Robison, on **October 17th.** This is a bring your own thing event, however Bill





will have the grills fired up for those who need a hot hotdog or burger. The festivities begin at 11:00am in the parking lot. Mike will have the TV and game ready to watch. Again, bring your snacks, drinks and chairs to cheer on your favorite Bronco :). If the weather changes, we will move the party inside!

#### Need for Check Writers

Do you have a couple of free hours during the week? We are looking for a few extra helping hands who would be willing to come to the office and be a check writer for the parish. It would involve some computer work, which we will train you on, and then being on a rota until we hire a new administrator to take over that vital office job.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jenni!



#### **Calling all Singers!**

Adult Choir rehearses after service this morning. After the service, stop by coffee hour and then come by the choir room for a short 'welcome back' rehearsal. We will be rehearsing every Sunday after

church for the next few months. During this COVID-time we will be singing in church on the Sundays of All Saints, Christ the King, Advent 1,2,3,4 and of course, Christmas Eve. It will be great! Bring a friend, too!

#### Wednesday Book Study

Welcome back to Bible Study! For the next few weeks, we will be studying the Book of Esther using the Beth Moore bible study of the same name. We meet on Wednesday Morning at 10:00 am in the Adult Forum room. To begin this study, please read the first chapter of Esther in the Bible (<u>https://bible.oremus.org/</u>) and be ready to talk about what might have captured your attention. Also, one of the artifacts of the Book of Esther are Hamantashen (Haman's Ears) Cookies. There are various recipes for these cookies. Is anyone interested in making a batch for our first class?

If you still need a book for the study, please let Pastor Jenni know so we can order you a book.

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl ministry will meet Wednesday, Oct 17 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the church. You do not have to be making a prayer shawl at this meeting (we all have other projects in process) and your project does not need to be limited to knitting. Prayer shawls can be knitted, crocheted, woven, or worked by any other means desired.

#### **Hospitality Corner**

Thank you so much to Barb McNeill and her buddies for hosting coffee hour last Sunday. As you all know, I was very concerned because I was not going to be there and no one had signed up. I understand they did a great job as always.

People have signed up for the remainder of the month of October but after that there is only one date filled. And, the people who have signed up are the same ones that have already hosted several times. So, we need some new people to help us out here. Please check your calendars and sign up using the link below. It is really easy to sign up and easy to host as well. Two people need to do it because of the necessity to serve the food but it is not hard and people have learned the new routine. Also, "the old fill" the table with food is not necessary because we don't have a huge number of people in attendance. So something sweet, some fruit or veggies and drinks more than suffice now. You just need to be experienced in using tongs and spatulas!!!!!

If you have any questions, please see Miriam Berry. To sign up, see the link in the Parish News or go to <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e4fadaf2</u> <u>8a57-annunciation</u>

#### Scouts Popcorn Sale

It's coming back!

Run.... don't walk! Time is running out to take advantage of this opportunity.

Cub Scouts from our own Pack 1627 will be in the narthex selling popcorn on October 24th and 31st, before and after the 9:00 mass.

Popcorn products will be available for immediate delivery, no ordering and waiting necessary. This is the Pack's primary fundraiser for the coming program year.

One of our parishioners purchased it recently and stated, "The Cheese and Caramel popcorn is out of this world."

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## Holiday Wreaths and

Poinsettias

The Scouts of Troop 627 will be in the narthex with some exciting products to order for purchase (Wreaths,

Garland, and Beautiful Poinsettias):

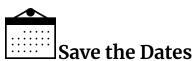
#### Wreath and Poinsettia sales - October 24 and 31. pickup/delivery - TBD

The product is again being provided by Noble Valley Farms in Wisconsin.

For further information please reach out to Andy Dallstream (andyddall@gmail.com) or parish member Brian Penticoff (bapenticoff1742@gmail.com)

#### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

People: Gracious God, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are present in the Bread and Wine of the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you in the Sacrament, I ask you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.



October	
18	Vestry   6:30pm
19	Cub Scouts  6:00pm
	Scouts 7:00pm
20	Wednesday Morning Book Study
	10:00am – Esther
	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00-8:30pm
24	Scouts Popcorn/Wreath Sale
24 26	Scouts 7:00pm
27	Wednesday Morning Book Study
	10:00am
28	QPR Training  7:00-9:30pm
31	All Saints Sunday
	Scouts Popcorn/Wreath Sale
November	
2	Wednesday Morning Pools Study

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3	Wednesday Morning Book Study
	10:00

7	Daylight Savings Ends
8	Worship Committee  7:00pm
10	Wednesday Morning Book Study  10:00
	Finance Committee   7:00pm
15	Vestry 6:30pm
17	Wednesday Morning Book Study  10:00
	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00-8:30pm
20	Dioscean Convention
21	Christ the King Sunday
	Greening of the Church for Advent
24	Wednesday Morning Book Study  10:00
25	Thanksgiving Day Service  10:00am
28	1st Sunday of Advent
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#### December

1	Wednesday Morning Book Study
	10:00
5	Cookie Walk & St Nicholas' Sunday
8	Wednesday Morning Book Study
	10:00
15	Wednesday Morning Book Study
	10:00
	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00-8:30pm
19	Advent Lessons and Carols
24	Christmas Eve  4:00 pm
25	Christmas Day  10:00am

## This Week's Calendar

Today	Sunday Worship  9:00am
-	Tailgate Party 11:00am
Monday	Vestry   6:30pm
Tuesday	Cub Scouts  6:00pm
-	Scouts  7:00pm
Wednesday	Book Study  10:00am
-	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00-8:30pm

Morning Prayer meets Monday through Friday at 8:30 in our Zoom Room – please see the website or Parish News for the link.

The Office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:30-4:00.

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Last summer, I ran out of gas at a gas station. The car stopped moving a few yards from the pump. To my great relief, another customer came over and offered to push my car to the pump.

Before this kind, young person drove away, I shouted "Wait!" and hurried toward him.

He shook his head from side to side. "I don't want anything for helping you," he

declared. "Not even homemade chocolate chip cookies?" I countered.

He laughed, took the bag of cookies, and thanked me.

Are you a person who easily receives gratitude or compliments from others, or do they make you feel shy? What is it like to be recognized for your giving?

When we share the gift of being human beings together, especially in difficult moments, we slip into an awareness of abundance. We feel full. We know goodness given and received. Travels continue. Cookies and laughter are enjoyed. Every good gift comes from God, and in sharing our gifts we become even more gifted, whether or not we are recognized or rewarded for sharing.

Sometimes we step up to help from a desire for recognition. We offer our gifts, like James and John in today's Gospel text, out of loyalty to Jesus and a desire to be useful. Our egos may be attached in healthy, or unhealthy, ways.

Sometimes we share a gift without expectations. We give without needing recognition. We push a car for a stranger and get a tired priest, her daughter and two dogs back on the road to Vacationland.

Making an annual financial commitment to a congregation is like offering to push a stranger's car to a gas pump. It gets ministry moving. We seek no recognition, yet are rewarded in surprising ways. We offer our gifts because doing so creates the type of world we want to inhabit — a world where strangers collaborate and laugh together during a frustrating and embarrassing experience, sharing every good gift along the way.

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