

The First Lesson

*Proverbs 9:1-6*

Wisdom has built her house she has hewn her seven pillars.

She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine she has also set her table.

She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,

“You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says

“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

Lay aside immaturity, and live and walk in the way of insight.



*Wisdom with Her Seven Pillars. Medieval. Artist unknown.*

The Psalm

Psalm 34:9-14

*Benedicam Dominum*

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 Who among you loves life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

*Said together:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

*Ephesians 5:15-20*

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart*

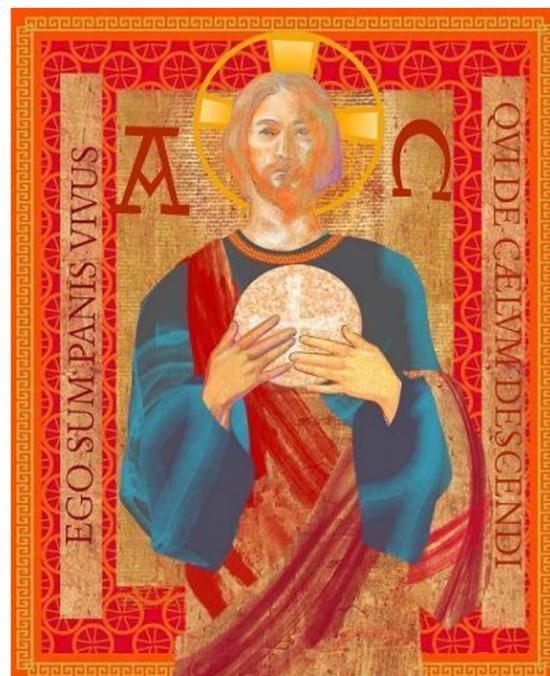
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Gospel Lesson

*John 6:51-58*

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”



The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith*

Prayers of the People VI

BCP 392

*We pray together as the people of God*

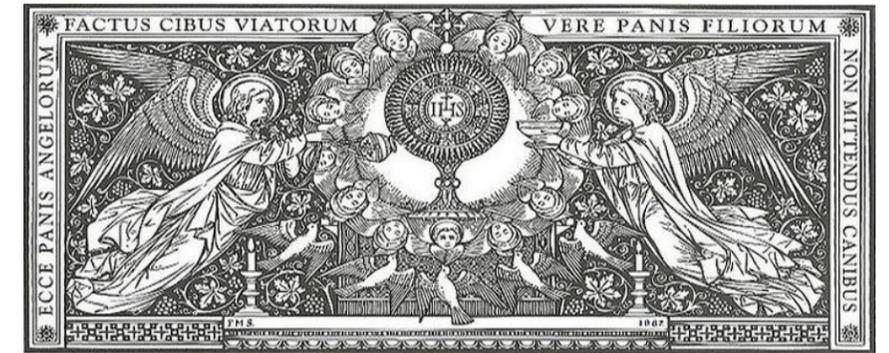
Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

*We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon*

The Peace

*We share the joy of the Good News!*



The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*  
Offertory

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*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.*

From Hymn 380 vs. 3

Eucharistic Prayer “A”

BCP 361

*Sanctus* Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S129

*Memorial Acclamation* Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S132

*The Lord’s Prayer* Traditional version, found on BCP 364

*Fraction Anthem* H-S 152

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

### Communion Hymns

*Bread of heaven, on thee we feed* H 323  
*Let my blood in mercy poured* H 313  
*My God, thy table now is spread* H 321

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *God of grace and God of glory* H 594

### The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

Following our service today will be Coffee Hour, hosted by **Jim and Chris Justice**. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us.

The Altar Flowers are given today by **Father Chad and Jennifer Slater**, in memory of loved ones.

### Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte John Allen Will Puckett  
Chalicer Teresa Paine Don Williams  
Lector David Kersey Teresa Paine  
Altar Guild Delia Kersey Linda Thomas Chris Justice

Attendance Last Sunday 47

Birthdays Last Week and This Week: Scott Meachum, Susanne Pulse and Mary Lynne Williams



Prayer Requests

### Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes—Wanda Myers—Bonnie Taylor—Joe Sanders—Marlene—Lee Puckett, Sr.—Phyllis & Nelson Walker—Linda—Valerie Mahood—Sierra—Alex B.—Toni R.—Linda Sydeski—Jared Cregger—Kerrigan Farmer—Lindsey Parsley—Daisy Bowman—Ellie Spencer—Sue Godwin—Mabeline & Elton Robinson—Ann Richardson—Sherry Mitchell—Carrie D.—Dorothy Curry—Loraine Keffer—Sharon Cranfill—Margie Hardin—George Strike—Levertt T.—Barbara Ford-Coates—Bea Paine

### Calendar of Events

Sunday – August 19 Canterbury Club  
 with Peter and Patty Richardson at 6:00pm  
 Tuesday – August 21 DOK meeting 10:30am  
 Wednesday – August 22 Union Mission 4:30pm  
 Wednesday – August 29 ECW Dinner 5:30pm  
 Monday - Wednesday 9/10<sup>th</sup> -9/12<sup>th</sup> LARCUM Conference  
 Wednesday–Sept. 12 Prepare meal at Union Mission 3:00pm  
 Men's Dinner 6:00pm  
 Wednesday-September 19 Vestry 7:00pm

### Announcements:

Missing Utensils: If you are missing utensils from the picnic there are some in the kitchen that may be yours. Take time to go check it out. To everyone who pitched in, your help was very much appreciated!

ECW Dinner: There's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Plate Offering: Today's plate offering will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Help with the Rainbow: If you'd like to help with our monthly newsletter, the Rainbow, please see Susanne Pulse. We need volunteers to make our newsletter happen!

Prayer List: If there is anyone on our Prayer List whose name can be removed, please let the office know.

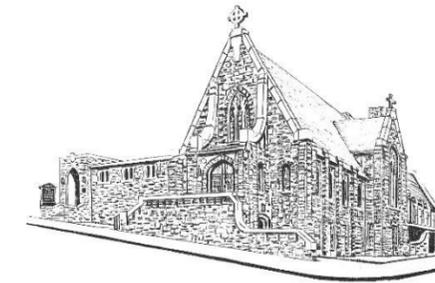
LARCUM: Lutheran Anglican Roman Catholic & United Methodist Conference at the Blessed John XXIII Center in Charleston. This year's theme is "Vows that Matter: Baptism, Confirmation, and Ordination." Registration includes lodging and meals. Please see Ft. Chad if you are interested in attending.

Vestry Meetings: Vestry Meetings have been changed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Worship Coordinator: We are needing volunteers to help with scheduling Worship assistants. Please see Cameron Clement.

### Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater Rector  
 Ms. Emma Bennett Parish Administrator  
 Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr. Organist & Choirmaster  
 Mrs. Vanessa Hall Sexton  
 Dr. Rob Merritt Senior Warden  
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## August 19, 2018

### The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*and being the Sunday designated Proper XV of the Church Year*

### Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

### The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *When morning gilds the skies* H 427

The Service Begins BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis H-S 280

*The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP*

The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*