

Old Testament **Exodus 12: 1-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Psalms 149 *said, the People remain seated*
Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; *
 sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
 let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
 and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
 let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat *
 and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations *
 and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their kings in chains *
 and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
 this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

The Epistle **Romans 13:8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Sequence Hymn *O Spirit of the living God* Hymnal 531

The Gospel **Matthew 18:15-20**
Deacon: The Holy Gospel.... *All:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. *All:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev’d Fr. Jake Schlossberg

The Nicene Creed *Standing, said by all* BCP 358

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 worshipped 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.*

The Prayers of the People **Form III**

Deacon or other leader

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; ***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for *Jake*, our bishop; for *Matt and Jake*, our priests; for *Honey*, our deacon; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.

The Celebrant concludes with the absolution.

The Peace *said*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* **And also with you. Welcome and Announcements**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *The Call* R. V. Williams
Lanie Smith, solo

The Presentation of the Gifts & Doxology vs.3 Hymnal 380

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.

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Altar, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.

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:

Celebrant and 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. Then the Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer A.

...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

...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.**

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.

At the Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymns	<i>Take my life, and let it be</i>	Hymnal 707
	<i>Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor</i>	Hymnal 307

Postcommunion Prayer *Said by all* BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

Final Blessing

Dismissal Hymn	<i>Joyful, joyful, we adore thee</i>	Hymnal 376
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Dismissal	<i>Deacon:</i> Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. <i>People:</i> Thanks be to God
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Bishop <i>The Right Reverend Jacob W. Owensby, Ph.D.</i>
Rector <i>The Reverend Father Matthew Ainsley</i>
Chaplain and Associate for Youth <i>The Reverend Jacob Schlossberg</i>
Deacon <i>The Reverend Honey Becker</i>

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Our Vestry and Clergy- Alison Higginbotham, Arthur White, Sterling Lejeune, Betsy Vigorito, Becky Slagle, Janet Limouze, Joe and Christina, Susan Oglesbee, Ann Jacobs, David Snyder, Janet Bernhardt, Jan Hamilton, Reese Forest, Fiona Chisholm, Peezie Alfred, Wendy Ortego, Perry Joseph, Gail White, Troy LeBouef, Ashlynn Broussard, Rick Onks, Lynette Newchurch, Neil Joseph, Rachelle Morgan, Ed Keller, William Keller, Gili Menashe Robinson, Donny, Elliot, Emily Chapin, Kelly, Carol Hamilton Hunt, Brenda Privat, James, Evie, and Malaina, Margaret DeGruy, Mark Weems, Lara McKinnis, Kit Gumbs, Carolyn Barker, Pat Vallery, Amber, Pauline, Donald Leger, Jr., Charles Lewis, Mike Comeaux, Carol Jane, Renee, Marc, Carolyn, Virginia Morrison, Graison Louviere, Landon Romero, Kate Graciana, Kathleen David, Mac Camille, Ann Shower, Steve Baker, Pete Peters, Luke Heggy, Remi and Joseph, Melissa Keane, Guy Ellison, Jr., Archie Ganucheau, David Mills, Susan Davis, Nick Domino, Charles Swett, John Perkins, Mona Fitzgerald Stephan, Sasha, Rita Driggers, Mike Immel, Phil Swift, Tom Bryant, Mona Coulter, Anna Catherine, Marc Powell, The Family of Steven Miller, Dumas, Brooke Bercier, Joan Broussard, Rita Winski, Pam and Michael, Mike, The Family of Mark Broussard, Sr., Donny, and friends and family serving in the armed services. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Luke’s in Jennings, First Christian Church, and The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Charles Franklin Burgess, Father of Stuart.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MomCo meets **select Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.** in the Owen Room (childcare provided) and **select Fridays at 8:00 a.m.** in the Robson Room. Come connect with other moms, grow in faith, and remember you don’t have to do this alone. To learn more about Ascension Momco, **please visit:** canvas.link/ascensionmomco

Day by Days: Get you copy of the Forward Day by Day (Daily Devotions for Disciples) in the Church office, Church Narthex, or in Coughlin Hall.

Flower Ministry: We are once again collecting small vases for flower deliveries. If you have any you would like to donate, please drop off at the church office or bring on Sunday mornings. Many thanks.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Gospel of John - BEGINNING
Sunday, September 13, 10:00 to 10:45 am in the Owen Room
Teachers: Fr Matt Ainsley, Laurie Godshall, John Griffin, Elizabeth Hesterly

Tuesday Evening Bible Study: Genesis - BEGINNING
Tuesday, September 8, 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the Owen Room
Teachers: Fr Matt Ainsley, Doug Driggers, Laurie Godshall, Elizabeth Hesterly, Sarah McNamara

Children's Church: Children's Church will return **September 13.**

NEW WORSHIP TIME-Worship at The Vincent, a senior living community, is held in The Vincent Chapel **every Friday at 10:00AM**, led by The Rev. Honey Becker. Please contact Deacon Becker with any questions. Our worship includes music, prayer, and Communion.

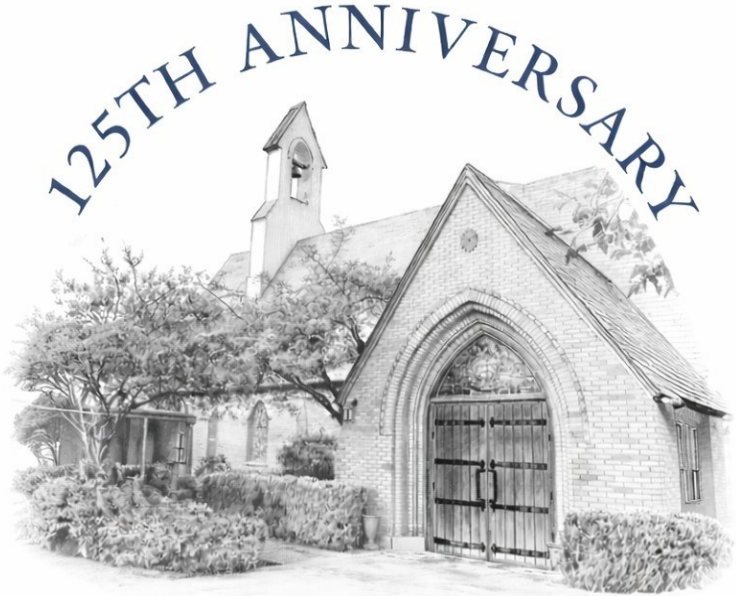
Lector: Gail White **Greeter:** Penny Immel **Ushers:** Jeff Straub and Mike Immel
Acolytes: Margaret Odom, Andre Goudeau, Henri Goudeau, Sarah Herman
Music: Stacy Shumaker, Minister of Music and John Moore, Organist
Church Office Hours: Monday -Friday: 9:00am –2:30pm

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026
11:00 AM

Prelude

Processional Hymn	<i>All creatures of our God and King</i>	Hymnal 400
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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
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The Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	<i>sung</i>	Hymnal S-280
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The “S” indicates Service Music found in the front section of the Hymnal

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	<i>the People remain standing</i>
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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And also with you.**

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*