



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

WELCOME

to St. Mary's Episcopal Church

a member of the Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Big Rapids, MI

Seeking every day to love God
with our whole heart, mind, and
soul, and to love our neighbors
as ourselves.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Cadillac, MI

We strive to live out the Great
Commandment: To love the
Lord with all our heart, soul, and
mind and to love our neighbors
as ourselves.

If you have a faith or are seeking one, you are always welcome here.

If you are visiting or looking for a spiritual home,
we'd love to get to know you.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
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.**

The Gloria

said in unison

**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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

All sit as able.

First Reading

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Reader A reading from the second book of Samuel.

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I

am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

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

Psalm 14

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.
- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that

Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as able.

The Holy Gospel

John 6:1-21

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy

enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

The Nicene Creed

All stand as able.

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.

The people kneel or stand as able.

The Prayers of the People

Praying the Scriptures

Intercessor My sisters and brothers, my Christ dwell in your hearts by faith. Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church, saying: "Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.** "

O Lord, be glorified in your Church. Give us faith to trust in you, that we might ever believe the truth of your word.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; the Standing Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan; Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant;

Trinity, Alpena - Bill McClure, Rector

St. James, Pentwater – Sam Morrison, Rector

We pray for all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, both lay and ordained. In particular, we pray for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Priests, including Alicia, Joe, Natalie, Alex, Derek, Catherine, Rebecca, Matt, Dell, Joanna, Kurt, and Anne Marie. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Joy, Trish, Mark, Jim, Michelle, and Linda. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence*

Intercessor Lord Christ, you are the bread of life.

People **Fill us with your goodness.**

Intercessor O Lord, look in mercy upon your children. Inspire understanding in those who do not yet seek your ways. Count us, just God, among the generation of the righteous.

We pray for all the leaders of the world, for Joe, our president; Gretchen our govenor; Carla, our mayor.

Silence

Intercessor Lord Christ, you are the bread of life.

People **Fill us with your goodness**

Intercessor Lord Christ, you tamed the raging of the sea and the strength of the wind. We pray you to shield our crops from the fury of the sun; bless our fields with waters from the heavnes.

Silence

Intercessor Lord Christ, you are the bread of life.

People **Fill us with your goodness.**

Intercessor O Lord, we hold in our hearts all victims of violence---especially those smitten by gun violence. May they, and those who love them, comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height of your comforting love.

Silence

Intercessor Lord Christ, you are the bread of life.

People **Fill us with your goodness.**

Intercessor Jesus, you said to your disciples, "It is I; be not afraid." We pray you to comfort all who are in trouble, need or sickness.

We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer:
Dennis, Dale, Jim, Barbara, Hannah, Barb, George,
Mike, and Linnea, Eli, Renee, Lorie & Deliah;

For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer:
Tammy, Derrek and Ruth, Betty, Eileen, Donna,
Kevin, Kris, Bob and Beth, Suzanne, Ryan

For our family and friends in the armed forces and
who are first responders: Richard, Corey, Matt,
Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Eli

And for all those we name at this time.
Silence

Intercessor Lord Christ, you are the bread of life.

People **Fill us with your goodness.**

Intercessor O God, you have gathered as your family those on
heaven and earth. We pray for those who have
died that they may rest in your eternal presence.
And we pray for ourselves that we may run the
race with vigor and finally join your saints forever.

Silence

Intercessor Lord Christ, you are the bread of life.

People **Fill us with your goodness.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

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

Silence may be kept.

All **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.**

The Peace

All stand as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord; in this season we encourage a bow, wave or other appropriate gesture.

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The celebrant says the offertory sentence.

At this time the offering plate is stationed at the rear of the sanctuary.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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All stand as able.

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.

The celebrant continues with the proper preface.

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:

**All 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 as able.

The celebrant continues.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The celebrant continues.

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

**All 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Everyone is welcome to receive communion. There is no one who is too old or too young, no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. This is the altar prepared by a loving God for all creation by the power of Jesus Christ. You, who are part of that creation, are welcome.

At the distribution of communion, everyone will go down the side aisle closest to them and come up the center aisle to receive communion in front of the altar. After receiving communion, they will return to their seat using the side aisles.

Postcommunion Prayer

All stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

The Blessing

All stand as able.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen. Amen.

Announcements

St. Mary's Altar Flowers - Do you have lovely flowers either in a planter or growing in your garden? If so, would you like to share them with St. Mary's on the Sundays that we have Eucharist? Planters "borrowed" from your home are welcome, as are flower arrangements. There is a sign-up sheet for flowers on the bulletin board near the head of the stairs. If you would like to bring in flowers, please put your name next to the date on the sign-up sheet, and place your flowers in front of the altar at least 10 minutes before the service starts.

St. Mary's Feast Day Celebration - St. Mary's feast day is August 15. We will celebrate with a special service, a farewell to Rachel Whiteman, and a meal after the service! All are invited.

New Music Pew Folder - Theresa Williams and Mtr. Radha are beginning to work on updating the St. Mary's pew folders of hymns and songs. The new pew folder will replace both the current blue pew folders that are becoming worn and the Glory and Praise hymnal. Theresa has written up a list of possible hymns and songs to include in the new pew folder. Copies are available on the table in the narthex of St. Mary's. Please look it over and let Theresa or Radha know if your favorite song or hymn is missing! They would also appreciate suggestions of any hymns that could be removed from the list.

If you have an announcement you would like printed in the bulletin, please email it to standrewsbr@gmail.com.

Our Sunday Observances:

First Sunday of the month: Healing Prayer & Anointing. Loose plate collection goes to the Special Needs Fund.

Second Sunday of the month: Penny Sunday. Pennies are given to the Building Fund.

Third Sunday of the month: Food Pantry Sunday. A basket for the food pantry will be in front of the altar. You are invited to place your offering of food and/or money in the basket prior to the start of the service so that it may be blessed.

Fourth Sunday of the month: Recycling Sunday. The return from bottle deposits are given to the hospitality fund. Can and bottle donations can be placed in the box in the undercroft.

CHURCH SCHEDULE: JULY 26-AUGUST 1		
Monday	Noon-2:00 pm 8:00 pm	St. Mary's DME Open AA Meeting at St. Mary's
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Noon-1:00 pm	AA Meeting at St. Andrew's
Thursday	Noon-2:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Mary's DME Open AA Meeting at St. Mary's
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	10:00 am 10:15 am	St. Mary's: Holy Eucharist St. Andrew's: Morning Prayer

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE		
Service	Today	Next Sunday: August 1
Officiant	Nancy Foster	Mtr. Radha Kaminski
Reader	Jim Pals	Diane Wilson
Intercessor	Pat Foster	Ross Maxwell
Acolyte		Jim Pals
Greeters/ Ushers	Karen and Lee Peters	Jim & Anita Hunt
Music		Rachel Whiteman & Theresa Williams
Altar Guild		Karen Peters
Altar Flowers		Theresa Williams
Coffee Hour	Theresa Williams	

DME VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE	
July 26	Anita and Ross
July 29	Peters
August 3	2 People Needed
August 5	Fosters
LECTIONARY NEXT WEEK	
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	
Psalms: Psalm 51:1-13	
New Testament: Ephesians 4:1-16	
Gospel: John 6:24-35	
St. Mary's Monthly Worship Format	
Our services take place at 10:00 am each Sunday.	
1 st and 3 rd Sunday – Holy Eucharist	
2 nd and 4 th Sunday – Morning Prayer	
5 th Sunday – Alternates Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist	

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