St. Barnabas EPISCOPAL PARISH

The Holy Eucharist **July 5, 2026** **The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

The 2026 semiquincentennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence arrives at a fraught time in the nation's history. In witness to the church's ardent stand against Christian nationalism in its various and insidious forms, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America developed this liturgy for this specific occasion that both celebrate and lament our nation's history, affirm the reality of the current moment, and seek to unite the diverse body of Christ for the life of the world.

The Liturgy of Gathering

THE PRELUDE

Sonata No. 13 in B-flat Major k. 333 W.A. Mozart Rebecca Marshall

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing ELW-841

INTRODUCTION

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. The prophet describes an everlasting realm that contrasts with earthly nations, one marked by peace, humility, and freedom. Jesus associates with those excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with selfish desires; we lament flawed systems; and we seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather around word, water, and meal by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Here we find rest for our souls and hope for life in beloved community.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy, **we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins through the grace of + Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good. **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

THE SALUTATION AND PRAYERS OF THE DAY

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray….You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES ***Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67***

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

A brief silence, then:
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 45:11-18 ***Eructavit cor meum***

"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.
The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."
All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.
"In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

**Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate Word and Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES **Romans 7:15-25a**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

THE HOLY GOSPEL ***Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30***

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'
For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

A brief silence, then:

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE HOMILY **Rev. Meredith Rogers**

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE NICENE CREED

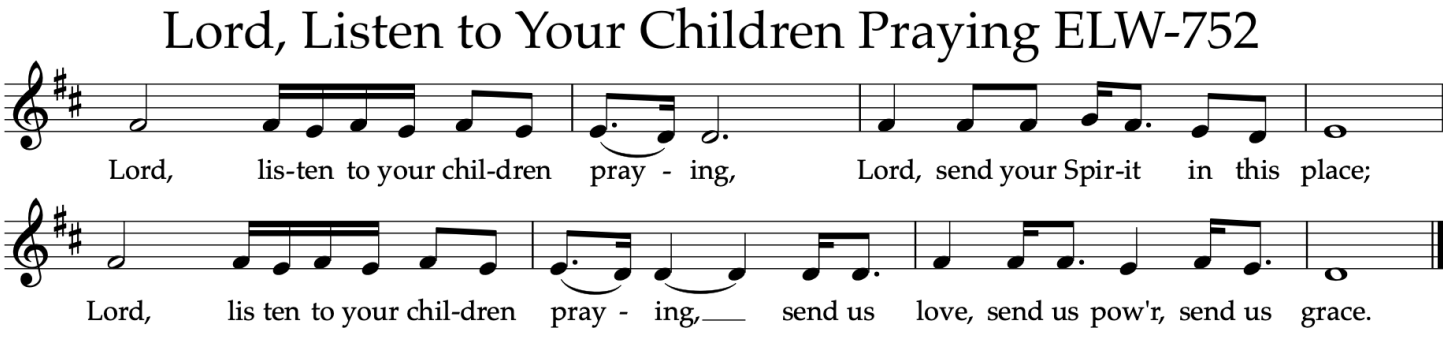
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

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,
With the Father and the Son she is worshiped and glorified,
she 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

It is our custom to light candles for those who are sick or distressed and to remember those who have died. The prayer stations are on either side of the Altar. The refrain is sung once.



Celebrant: Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us pray for the church, the nations, and all of creation. Gathering God, send your Spirit on the church you have called out from every nation. Knit us together into one body and heal the divisions we have caused. Overcome our timidity to witness and act in the public square when your purpose is being thwarted. Bless lay and clergy leaders with clarity and courage as they center your people in the gospel. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

All your works praise you, O God. From the Arctic to the Caribbean, from the Atlantic to the western islands, these lands and waters have sustained its peoples over many centuries. As we take our part in creation's praise, revive our wonder at what you have fashioned, and enliven our will to ensure its health for future generations. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. We come from many nations with many languages; make us a united people that delights in our many different gifts. As the United States of America marks its declaration of independence, give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, and curb every abuse of that trust, so that both here and abroad, justice, humility, and peace may flourish. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You are the Mother of exiles, O God. Extend your arms to all who are tired, who live with poverty, the tempest-tossed, all who yearn to breathe free. Embrace people seeking refuge; those incarcerated, detained, or disappeared; and neighbors fearing those they once trusted. Give healing and hope to people in any oppression and need, especially these we name before you now, Josh and family, the Noteman family, Cathy, Janet, Marsi, (*pause*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We hold up to you the month of July as a sabbatical to be taken by members of all committees at St. Barnabas. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We hold up to you the ways in which we reach out to serve your people, especially for Metro Caring, which works to meet individuals' immediate needs for nutritious and culturally relevant food while building a movement to address the root causes of hunger. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We ask for your protection from the spreading wildfires across Colorado. We ask for the protection of those fighting in harm's way. We pray for those coordinating efforts in support and relief. Be with those besieged by fire, guide those who evacuate so that they may find care and comfort in a safe place; protect their homes and their pets, their neighbors and their friends, so that they may return home to a loving community. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We grieve for the loss of human life, animal life, plants, and trees, and the scarring of the earth. We are saddened for the original custodians of the land, the First Peoples of the land, and the poor and marginalized disproportionately affected by the fires. Turn our sadness into compassion. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We remember before you those who have died in every generation. Those who have died ensuring the freedoms of this country: people in the armed services, peace officers, advocates, and activists. Gather us, together with those who have gone before us especially Jack, and with saints of every tribe and nation, into the holy city you have prepared. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We beseech your guidance to stay grounded in you as we resist the world's call to chaos. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The refrain is sung once more.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

All share a greeting of peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVELERS

For our St. Barnabas family, here and elsewhere.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O God, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their homes may be havens of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer for Travelers

Almighty God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Blessed are you, O God, for waves of grain and harvesters, fruitful vines and winepresses, for our labor and our rest, for the gifts of your hand in this land. Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of your compassion, serving your love without limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Meal

THE OFFERTORY

The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

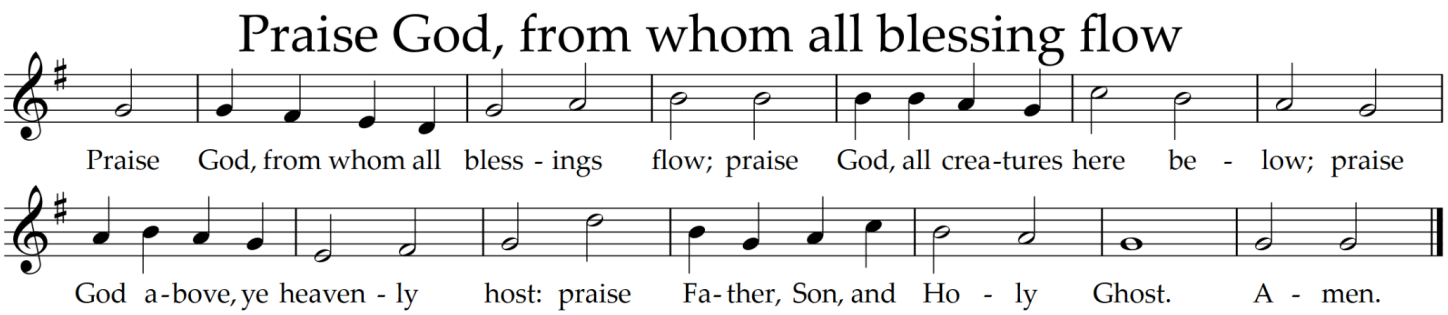
Offertory Music

Ubi Caritas Maurice Duruflé Quartet: Walt Flor, Michael Jordan,
Where charity and love are, God is there Tom Potter, Stan Siefer
(Read the song's backstory under announcements toward the back of the bulletin)

The Presentation of the Gifts

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Offertory Hymn

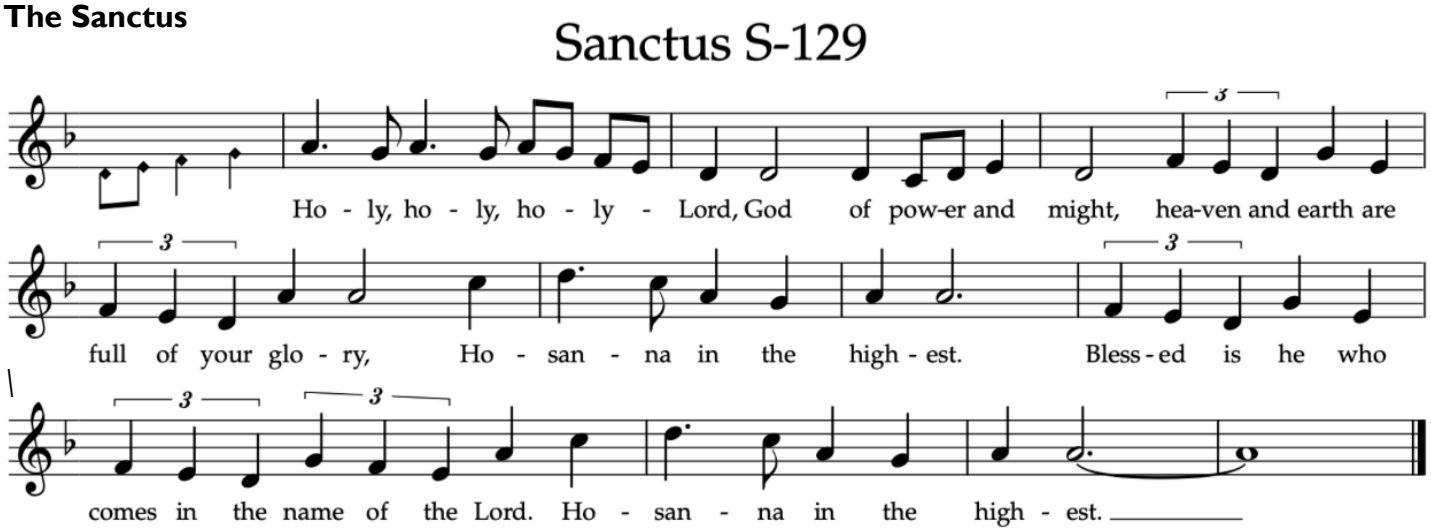


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **ELCA Resource for the US Semiquincentennial**

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



The Celebrant continues

Holy God, you alone are Majesty, you alone are Excellency, you alone are Sovereign. Within the vast reaches you splashed into being, you formed our star and this planet: purple mountains, fruited plains, crystal waters, towering forests, gleaming mines. Here you fashioned human beings in our infinite variety and hue, yet each one created equal, to care for one another and our earthly home. In a time of peace enforced by the cruelty of empire, you came in Jesus to share our life. Born under the rule of a merciless king, Jesus revealed the merciful realm of God. Moving across borders to people broken and oppressed, Jesus brought healing, restoration, and freedom.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, Christ's execution at the hands of a ruthless regime, Christ's resurrection that buries death, Christ's ascension to rule with love forever, we declare the revolutionary mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

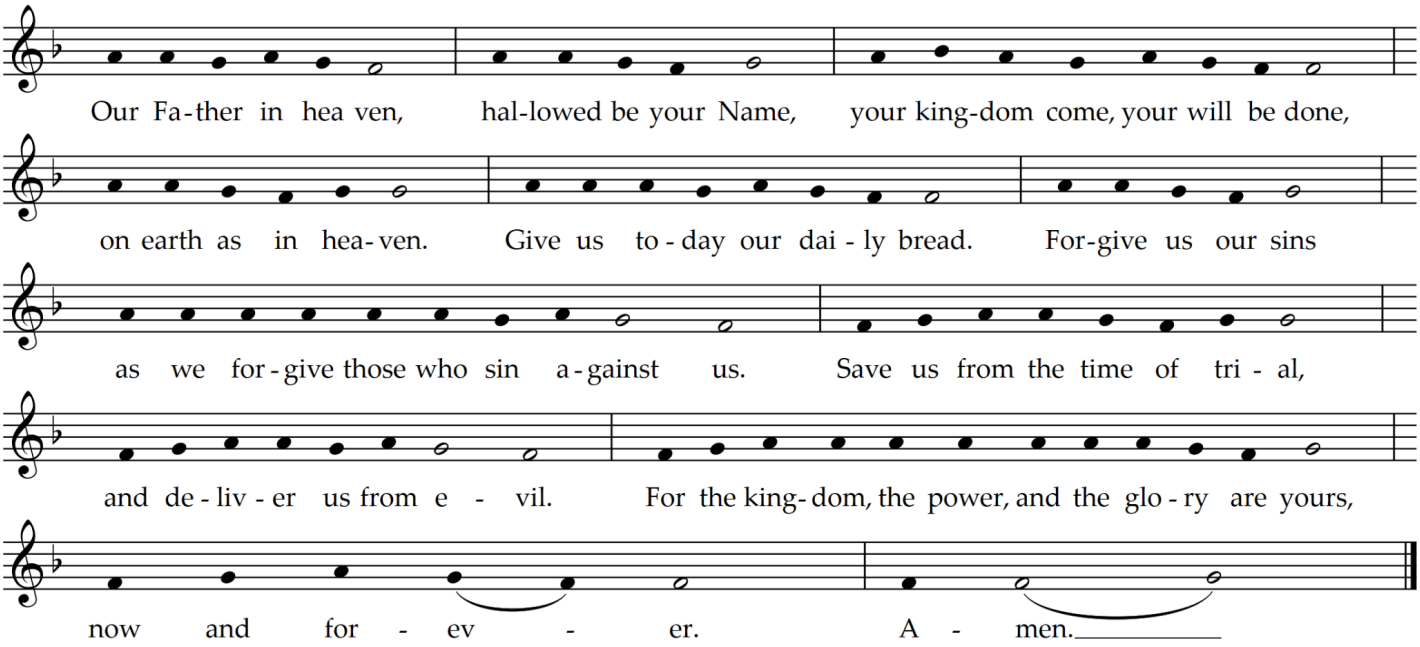
God, shed your grace on us. Shower your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on your people gathered this day. Ignite in us the flame of freedom— freedom from prejudice, from supremacy, from fear; freedom for acceptance, for welcome, for the *shalom* that you have first shown to us.

Faithful God, loving God: Your Majesty shines forth in weakness. Your Excellency is revealed to infants. Your Sovereignty reigns from a cross. Yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the everlasting kingdom, the peaceable power, and the humble glory, now and forever.**AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

It is our custom at St. Barnabas to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.



The Invitation to Communion

Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven: Taste and know that God is good to all.

Please be seated. This is the table of God. Jesus welcomed everyone to his table, and so we at St. Barnabas welcome everyone to this table. Gather around the Altar as you are directed. You may stand or kneel as is your custom. The Celebrant will place the wafer into your hand. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. You have two options to receive the wine. A Chalice Bearer will offer the Common Cup from which you may drink, or you may dip the wafer in the wine when a second chalice comes in turn. You may also choose not to partake of the Cup. When you have received the Sacrament, please return to your seat. If you or your children prefer only to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

The Music During Communion
Please stand in body or spirit.

THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (Occasional)
N. in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.
We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Let us pray…**We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever. Amen.**

The Liturgy of Sending

THE BLESSING
The Author of life, the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth, + one God, bless you and equip you for living and serving, today and every day. **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God H-508

THE DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE
Manchega L. M. Gottschalk Rebecca Marshall
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Those In Need of Prayer

Dennis Kennedy, Meghann Mayes, Kate, Matt and Suzy Stolwyk, Spencer Mize, Deb Sawtelle, Rachel Lee Nakamoto, Valerie, Larry and Cheryl Volmert, Josh and family, the Noteman family, Cathy Manning Smith, Janet Manning, Marsi Najdeni, the Reid family, the Simpson family, Skyler Spettel, Michael Sanders, Melanie Grant, Jason Doty and Kayla Kilk, Julian, Ada O'Dell, Dave and Joan, Joe M., Christopher Delphey and Rebecca Field, Rachel, Helen Barron, Steve Holt and the Schrag family, Aaron Sefton, Greg Roosevelt, Marcia Stevens, Michael Avery, Kelly, the Magana family, the Trautman and Suter family, Dian Ong, Al Habbercorn, those imprisoned or expelled from the country without due process, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, all victims of gun violence, the people in the Middle East, all those serving in the military, and those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster.

New to the prayer list

Those who have died

Jack Suter, father of Beth Trautman. Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Please check the table in Lukens Wing for cards to sign for those we want to remind of our love and care.

This Week's Parish Schedule

Sunday, July 5: The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

- 9:30 am: Holy Eucharist (sung) in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 7

- 11:30 am: Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm: Community Life Committee Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, July 8

- 10:00 am: Bible Study and Holy Eucharist in the Brady Room

Sunday, July 12: The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

- 9:30 am: Holy Eucharist (sung) in the Sanctuary

Birthdays

Connie Friesen	July 1
Zia Meyers	July 1
Andie Whitney	July 1
Sean Lee Nakamoto	July 5
Tasha Freed	July 9
Fred Siersma	July 9
Maddie Corigadie	July 10
Becky Blanc	July 12
Jim Hayes	July 19
Alex Richardson	July 19
Meredith Rogers	July 19
Sis Flor	July 28
Lynn Hoffman	July 28
Ellen Janasko	July 28

Anniversaries

Eloise May and Jack Unruh	July 7
Jason and Dani Long	July 10
Sis and Walter Flor	July 27
Carolyn and Ed Wolfrum	July 28
Janet and Bob Manning	July 29

Announcements

TODAY'S OFFERTORY MUSIC BY ST. BARNABAS QUARTET

Walter Flor, Michael Jordan, Tom Potter, and Stan Siefer

Ubi Caritas – the back story

Ubi Caritas is a plainchant of the early church, composed some time between the fourth and eleventh centuries. It has been used by many composers over the years. Today's Ubi Caritas was created in 1960 by the French composer Maurice Duruffle, and arranged by Nichole Young. We hope you enjoy its simple, timeless message and its stunning harmonies. The lyrics express our experience as members of St. Barnabas, and we hope they do the same for you.

Latin to English translation lyrics:

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.Exultemus et in ipso jucunde mur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where there are charity and love, God is there. Gather us together in Christ's love. Let us rejoice and be glad, knowing the living God. And may we love one another with a sincere heart."

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CONTEMPLATIVE TIME BEFORE WORSHIP

Before services, you are warmly invited to spend a few quiet moments in prayer, reflection, or stillness in the Foster Chapel upstairs. This space is available for anyone who would like contemplative and quiet time before entering worship. Please help us preserve the quiet of the chapel during this time so that all who gather there may pray, breathe, and prepare their hearts for worship.

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JULY GIVING-2-OTHERS

Metro Caring

Our July Giving-2-Others recipient is Metro Caring, which works to meet individuals' immediate needs for nutritious and culturally relevant food while building a movement to address the root causes of hunger. Its Fresh Food Market at 18th & Downing is an appointment-based free grocery store with locally-sourced and donated products for anyone in the community; it also offers a limited selection of Grab & Go ready-to-eat foods to walk-ins. For more information on Metro Caring visit **https://metrocaring.org.**

Please be generous by donating online or you can earmark a check to St. Barnabas for Giving-2-others and place it in the offering plate, the office, or mail it.
https://linktr.ee/stbdenver

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PEACHES! ORDER YOUR PEACHES TODAY!

It's that time of the year again. Purchase these delicious peaches from C & R Farms.
9Ib Box: $30 each **18Ib Box: $45 each**

ORDER DATES:

Wednesday, June 17 - Monday, July 13

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER:

- Order after services on **June 21, June 28, July 5, or July 12.** There will be someone there to assist with ordering and payments in the back of Lukens**. Pay by check or bring exact cash**.

- Call, email, or stop by the office. **Write a check, or bring exact cash**. Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am to Noon 303-388-6469 office@stbdenver.org.

- For online orders and to pay with a credit card scan the QR code below or visit **https://linktr.ee/stbdenver**

PICK UP DATES:

• Saturday, July 25, 9:00am-Noon

• Sunday, July 26, 8:30-9:30am and 11:00-Noon

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WANT TO HEAR YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS DURING THE SUMMER?

It's been a tradition in the past several years to program folks' favorite hymns throughout the summer. I have retained people's responses for requests from last year, and I hope you will start to see your favorites featured from week to week. If you are new to St. Barnabas or have thought of additional favorites that you did not include last year, submit your request at
https://linktr.ee/stbdenver

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LISTENING SESSION

In July, August, and September, we would like to host a series of Small Group Gatherings to listen together to where we believe St. Barnabas will be called next. We are a people of story, encouragement, and courage and we want to discern together where St. Barnabas is being called in the future. We are in need of places to gather for

these sessions, so please get in touch with Rev. Meredith at **meredith.rogers@stbdenver.org** if you are interested in hosting a gathering.

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VIGIL AGAINST ICE DETENTION WITH EPISCOPALIANS FOR JUSTICE AND MERCY EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY (NEXT MEETING IS JULY 15)

Join Episcopalians for Mercy and Justice every 3rd Wednesday of the month through summer at 6:00 pm outside the **GEO/ICE Immigration Prison**, **3130 N Oakland Street, Aurora.** The first vigil was on June 17, and the next one will be July 15. Wear red! Invite a friend or your whole parish. For more information or questions, please email **justice@stbdenver.org**

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BELOVED LGBTQ+ MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM AT ST. BARNABAS (NEXT MEETING IS JULY 15)

Beloved, the LGBTQ+ fellowship group at Saint John's, will host a monthly Bible study beginning Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 pm at St. Barnabas. Our Bible study will follow the lectionary and we will read through the lessons for the coming Sunday and discuss together. Each gathering will last 60 to 90 minutes and folks are encouraged to drop in and out as they need. All LGBTQ+ members of Saint John's, St. Barnabas, and other parishes are welcome to join! Bible Study Contact: **alecia.jay.davis@gmail.com**

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SUMMER "UNDER THE OAK" BOOK DISCUSSIONS SUNDAYS, JULY 19 AND AUGUST 16

These discussions, sponsored by the Forum Planners, take place at 8:15 - 9:15 on two Sundays in the summer. Get your book at your local library, through Thriftbooks or a local bookstore so that you can join in these lively outdoor discussions!

July 19: We will discuss *Under the Feet of Jesus,* Helena Maria Viramontes' moving and powerful novel about the lives of the men, women, and children who endure a second-class existence and labor under dangerous conditions as migrant workers in California's fields. Leading our discussion is Lily Sefton.

August 16: We will discuss *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage* by Richard Rohr. One of our most prominent spiritual voices offers a wholehearted and hope-filled model for the world today, grounded in the timeless wisdom of the Hebrew prophets. Leading our discussion is Kathryn Limmer and Suzy Stolwyk.

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SCREEN PRINTED ST. BARNABAS SHIRTS

At Meredith's installation as the Rector we made screen printed St. Barnabas shirts. If you weren't able to be present, do not fret! More have been made and are hanging in Grant Hall and available for pick up. We own the screen print and will have another screen printing time to print more.

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LGBTQIA+ RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE IN LUKENS WING!

We have resources created by Soulforce available for pick up in Lukens Wing. Soulforce works to end the religious and political oppression of LGBTQI people by breaking open the ideologies of Christian Supremacy and healing our communities' spirits from Spiritual Violence. To do this, they build radical analysis, political education, and spiritual power for activists and people of faith across all social justice movements, wherever the rights and dignities of all marginalized peoples are threatened by Christian fundamentalism. By unlearning toxic theologies and healing the wounds of Spiritual Violence, we can cultivate spirits that resist spiritual domination in our pursuit of liberation.

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CONTACT YOUR REPS: STOP ICE DETENTION EXPANSION IN COLORADO

Contact Bennet, Hickenlooper and your Congressperson. Ask them to visit the proposed Hudson detention facility and report back to

constituents, release oversight reports from the GEO detention facility in Aurora, and demand that ICE hold rooms be classified as detention centers (or closed) and operated in compliance with their own policies. Find your representative at **https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative**

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ASK CONGRESS TO ADDRESS THE CRISIS IN CUBA

Humanitarian conditions in Cuba continue to deteriorate. Across the island, essential systems, including healthcare, electricity, water, and food distribution, are close to collapse. The crisis is exacerbated by U.S. sanctions and restrictions on fuel and supplies, including food, water, and medicine. To take action, visit **https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/action-alerts/**

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STOP THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET'S (OMB) DESTRUCTION OF AMERICAN SCIENCE

OMB's latest proposed rule, "Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance," would require all scientific grants to be approved by political appointees, stealing approval power from career experts in their fields. Funding would be required to align with "Administration policies and priorities." Email your two U.S. Senators and your U.S. House Rep, demanding they take necessary action and protect independent science from political interference. **https://fight2win.standupforscience.net/campaign/163673/**

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Welcome to St. Barnabas!

We experience God's redeeming love in all and through all and respond to love through faithful worship, life-long spiritual growth, and committed outreach.

Our community shares a progressive faith, opens our arms to all seekers, and works to make the world more just.

Staff

Rector	***The Rev. Meredith Rogers*** *(she/her)*
Music Director	***Nichole Young*** *(she/her)*
Parish Administrator	***Keisha Masby*** *(she/her)*
Accounts Payable/Receivable	***Trek Salzer*** *(he/him)*

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Mr. Kent Freed, Sr. Warden (he/him)
Mr. Jim Hayes, Jr. Warden (he/him)
Mr. Ed Wolfrum, Treasurer (he/him)
Mr. David Ford, Clerk of the Vestry (he/him)
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Ms. Sis Flor, Member of Vestry (2028) (she/her)
Dr. John Graves, Member of Vestry (2028) (he/him)
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