

AROUND THE PARISH

October 3, 2025

St. Alban's seeks to be a welcoming, Christ-centered community,
committed to sharing Christ's love, empowering people to grow spiritually,
deepening our relationship with Christ and living out our faith in the community and the world.

SUNDAY – October 5

Pentecost 17

8:00 & 10:30am, Eucharist Services in Sanctuary

9:30am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom

8:00/10:30am, *St. Francis/Blessing of the Animals*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNbmklSWlPUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

2:00-5:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Parish Hall

NOTE: No Facebook account? Watch the Sunday service
on YouTube or later as a video on Facebook



Fr. Greg Peters

This coming Sunday, October 5, will be the conclusion of the Season of Creation. As in past years, we end with the Feast of St. Francis.

Francis was famous for preaching to birds, consoling and counseling a wolf, and seeing God present in all creation. So, part of our celebration includes the blessing of our pets, service animals, and even plants. Please feel free to bring these creatures to church. You can bring them in person for a blessing during the service, between and after the services outside, or even just a photo of them. And invite your friends, family, and neighbors to do the same. This is a great day to welcome them into our worshipping community.

Next week we'll go back to our regular Prayer Book liturgies.

Every liturgy has its own nuances and insights into the Divine Nature, highlights different aspects of God, presents Jesus and his earthly ministry in a different light, and emphasizes unique graces and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

One thing that has struck me while praying the Season of Creation liturgy this year is this section from the Eucharistic Prayer.

“On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with those he loved. Recalling his own actions of feeding the poor and eating with the outcast, he took bread, gave thanks to You, broke it, and gave it to them, and said ‘Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me.’”

I have heard, prayed, studied, and preached on this for 64 years, now, but this season I heard it anew.

I know the importance in first century Jewish culture about eating together, the care and intent Jesus took eating with all kinds of people, the importance of table fellowship, and the Feeding of the 5000 and 4000 as inferences to the Eucharist, but I hadn't made the connection of all those things influencing Jesus in ways that led to what he did at the Last Supper.

I had always interpreted the Feeding Stories, for

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

10/4 9:00am-4:00pm, LMF, Parish Hall

10:00am-12:00pm, Boy Scouts, Annex

10/8 3:00pm, Food Bank Distribution, Park Lot

10/15 6:00pm, Stew Fest, Parish Hall

10/18 10:30am, Indigenous Circle, PH

10/19 12:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Annex

11/2 8:00/10:30am, Ingathering

RECURRING EVENTS

Mon: 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

Tues: 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall, (1st, 3rd)

6:00-9:00pm, Girl Scout Comm. Camp, PH (3rd)

7:00pm, Cub Scouts, Sunday Sch. Wing-Pending

Wed: 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, YouTube

Thur: 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary

Fri: 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary

Sun: 6:30pm, AA Meeting, Parish Hall

Next ATP Issue: Friday, October 17

Article Deadline: Wednesday Noon, October 15

**YOU HAVE A DATE! -- ANNUAL STEWFEST
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 6:00pm**

**Come one, come all! Join in the fellowship
and enjoy a great meal of stew, salads,
breads and desserts. We begin with Evening
Prayer at 6:00pm followed by dinner at 6:30.**

example, as observations back from the perspective of the Last Supper, rather than them being influences **on** the Last Supper.

It's kind of like looking through a lens from the opposite direction. Or through a lens rather than into a mirror. The Feeding Stories were not backward-looking reflections on the Eucharist; the experiences of all those meals and the feeding of the multitudes led to what Jesus said and did in the Upper Room and to our Eucharist.

That's an entirely different perspective. And a revelation, to me at least.

And then, earlier this week, I read in the *Seattle Times* about a program that promotes home bakers baking bread for Food Banks. Community Loaves, a Seattle-area nonprofit founded during the Pandemic, is now active in four or five states (only where regulations allow homemade things to be donated to food banks). The program has fairly strict guidelines, authorized recipes, and even prescribed ingredients.

As a home baker myself, I thought, this is part of my calling!

I haven't had the opportunity to contact them yet, but I did look them up online and found that there are several groups nearby, including in Edmonds and West Seattle, that organize baking and distributions to local food banks.

I know we have several people in our congregation who love to bake, and I commend Community Loaves to you. Here's a hot link to the story [Community Loaves](https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/health/seattle-nonprofit-helps-home-bakers-donate-fresh-bread-to-food-banks/) or <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/health/seattle-nonprofit-helps-home-bakers-donate-fresh-bread-to-food-banks/>

Just think of needing to be reliant on whatever is available through a food bank, and having the opportunity to receive freshly baked, with love, care, and divinely inspired generosity, Bread.

To paraphrase our Eucharistic Prayer, "Recalling our own occasions of coming to the Lord's Table, we took a little flour, water, yeast, and salt; blessed it; baked it; sent it out; shared it with people we will likely never meet; declared that it is 'Given for you' beloved child of God; and did all this in remembrance of our Lord and Savior."

Remembrance literally means to put members back together. In our prayers, both our liturgical words and our physical work, we are part of Jesus' ministry of putting this world back together.

May God bless us with and in this work.



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Generous and loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all we are and all that we have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will. We are listening. Speak your words into the depth of our souls that we may hear you clearly.

We offer to you this day all the facets of our lives, whether it be at home, at work, or at school. We seek to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give us the wisdom and insight to understand your will for us and the fervor to carry out our good intentions.

We offer our gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbors. Help us to reach out to others as you have reached out to us. *Amen.*

Episcopal Diocese of Washington



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – OCTOBER 5

Sunday, October 5, is the Feast of St. Francis when we honor Francis who preached praise for the Creator and Redeemer of all things. He saw his fellow creatures as sisters and brothers.

Bring your animals or plants to church for a special blessing at our 8:00 or 10:30am services. If you are unable to bring your pet but wish for them to be included, consider bringing a picture or memento. If you have a pet you wish to be remembered who is no longer with us, we will gladly honor their memory.



STEWFEEST FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Plan on joining with fellow parishioners on **Wednesday, October 15**, at our Annual StewFest. We begin with **Evening Prayer at 6:00pm** by giving thanks to God for our many blessings and asking for his continued guidance and grace as we look to our future.

Various parishioners will be preparing delicious stews, as well as salads, breads, and desserts. Beverages of beer, wine, as well as non-alcoholic

beverages, coffee and tea will be provided also. It is always a great evening of yummy food, fellowship and conversation.

The Stewardship Committee is making arrangements for a guest speaker for the program.

If you would be willing to donate a pot of stew, please contact Debby Wilson, 206-683-4251 (dgzrus@gmail.com).



TELL OUT MY SOUL

HOW MY SOUL SINGS OUT THROUGH ARTWORK

I have a limited time on this earth, so it has been my goal to wake up every day and use my God given talents to the best of my ability. I don't think I am alone when I say I doubt myself in this process, but I do keep striving to create something that I hope will touch the lives of others and bring to recognition the light I see in the world around me. God is light to me. From an artist's perspective there is no color without light. I am thankful for the light because I love color.

In my travels I have learned to appreciate the differences of others and what they and their different surroundings and lifestyles have to offer to all of us. I like to paint these and hope that my viewers can see the light that shines in them too. We are all people of God and I hope this shows in my art.

I also like to capture the light in landscapes. Whether it is shimmering water on the Caribbean Sea, a river in Virginia, lights on a dark road, or in a house late at night. That light tells me we are not alone. God is nearby. There is nothing to fear.

I am not a portrait artist, but I do like to paint people. I try to paint the light that shines in their souls. Eyes tell us so much about a person. Recently, I have been painting the neighbors at my mother's memory care facility to recognize those lives who were once full. Their light should not be forgotten.

I do believe that something greater than me has guided me through this creative process, using me as a paint brush to tell a story. I love that relationship. It is pure joy.

Ellen Sinclair is from Virginia Beach; married to Deacon Carter Sinclair and now attends Eastern Shore Chapel after having been at Emmanuel Church for 8 years while Carter served as Deacon. www.ellensinclair.com

Question for Reflection:

Where do you see God's light?



BASKET DONATIONS FOR OCTOBER

1st week—Food Banks for Edmonds, Lynnwood, and Mountlake Terrace.

2nd week—Discretionary Fund to help people who contact the church for assistance with gas cards, utility bills, rent and other emergency aid requests.

3rd week— Hand in Hands Kids, providing critical care and support for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, drug raids, abandonment and other dangerous circumstances and entering foster care.

4th Week—International Relief for Episcopal Relief & Development works with an extensive network of faith-based and secular partners to advance lasting change in communities affected by injustice, poverty, disaster and climate change. They work in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East as well as in the US.

5th week— Indigenous Women for WomenSpirit Coalition. Our next 5th week is November. Donations can be made at any time by placing your donation in an envelope and designating category for your donation.

PARISH DIRECTORY ADDITIONS

We welcome into our St. Alban's family:

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3rd QUARTER BASKET DONATIONS RESULTS

3rd Week Outreach: Diocese of Olympia—Refugee Resettlement Office (RRO) is receiving \$346 from our 3rd quarter donations. The RRO serves refugees and asylees in the Seattle area.

4th Week—International Relief: World Central Kitchen (WCK) is receiving \$475 from our 3rd quarter donations. WCK is first to the frontlines, providing fresh meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crisis.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our outreach efforts.

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress.

Will Rogers



DAY BY DAY REFLECTIONS

The author of September Day by Day reflections is Ema Rosero-Nordalm, retired from Boston University where she trained students in methods for teaching Spanish as a second language. As a deacon, she has served especially the Latino community, empowering women, creating training and mentorship programs, and focusing on social and racial justice.

Psalm 146:1 – Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

My soul will praise my God as long as I breathe. For me, God is love. To God I am a precious treasure, the treasure most valued in his eyes. I am God's daughter, created in his likeness and blessed by divine grace. There is nothing in this world that can separate me from God's love. God surrounds me, cradles me, and forgives my faults.

This love is offered to all of us – no matter who we are or what we have done or failed to do.

God invites us to live in intimate and loving union with him and to believe in the eternal life he promised

to us in Jesus, the beloved Son. God protects us like a mother, lavishing on us strength, peace, and harmony. God offers us affection and tenderness.

Let us praise the Lord until our last breath!

OCTOBER 24 ECUMENICAL EVENT

Friday, October 24, 7:00pm

Edmonds United Methodist Church

828 Caspers Street, Edmonds

Jeremy Smith, pastor of Edmonds United Methodist Church and Rev. Tim Oleson of Edmonds Lutheran are inviting area churches to join for an ecumenical gathering, United in Faith: A Call to Action. Bishop Shelley Brian Wee (ECLA) and Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth (UMC) will be featured speakers for this evening of worship, witness, and community solidarity.

Creation Prayer to be God's Partners In the Care of the Planet

Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth: Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world; where we waste, give us discipline to conserve; where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and care. May we with all your creatures honor and serve you in all things, for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all, and with your Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

OCTOBER 5 – PENTECOST 17

"...you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve..."

A favorite stewardship saying is "You cannot out give God!" Go ahead, trust this adage and put Him to the test. See what happens when you give back sacrificially and with thanksgiving; the results may surprise you!

OCTOBER 12 – PENTECOST 18

In the story of the two lepers, only one returns to Jesus to give thanks for his healing. Are we often like the other? Do we accept God's many blessings -- and gifts, but fail to respond in a sufficiently grateful way? The use of our treasure, time, and talent for the Lord's work is a good indicator of our gratitude to our God who gives all.

OCTOBER 19 – PENTECOST 19

The final verse of Psalm 121 says “...*The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.*” How can we possibly respond to such a boundless promise with anything less than expansive and whole-hearted gratitude, generosity and service

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OCTOBER 5 – PENTECOST 17

Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Collect for Pentecost 17

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

OCTOBER 12 – PENTECOST 18

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-11
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Collect for Pentecost 18

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

OCTOBER 19 – PENTECOST 19

Jeremiah 31:27-35
Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

Collect for Pentecost 19

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. Amen

ST. ALBAN'S CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

Monday	2:00 – 4:00 pm
Wednesday	2:00 - 4:00pm
Friday	2:00 – 4:00pm

Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or stalbansedmonds@gmail.com to make an appointment. In case of something urgent or an emergency, please call Greg Peters on his cellphone at (206) 778-1506.

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank
2nd week—Discretionary Fund
3rd week—Outreach
4th week—International Relief
5th week – Indigenous Women Support

GREG'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday Church Office 10:00am – 2:30 pm
Wednesday Church Office 10:00am – 2:30pm
Thursday Home 10:00am – 2:00pm
(Available by appointment)
Via email: gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com
Cell: 206-778-1506
SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm
(Available by appointment)

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn at sheilahreidburn@comcast.net or 206-427-1920.

Prayers of the People:

Prayers of the People are used during Sunday worship.

Prayer Chain:

About a dozen people pray regularly for members of the congregation or other friends and relatives as requested.

Prayer Shawls:

Prayer shawls are available for those in need of comfort during challenging times.

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- *Collection plates and baskets on Sunday.
- *Mail check – 21405 82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98026
- *Drop off through slot in Fr. Greg's door.
- *Bank Bill Pay – have bank send check to St. Alban's
- *Online, go to www.StAlbansEdmonds.org,
and click on "Donate Now- or use
pictured QR code

