



All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church

10:30 am Sunday July 12, 2026

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Opening Hymn:***Awake My Soul*****Hymn 11**

Priest: Welcome to St. Alban's Episcopal Church. We're here in Edmonds, WA, and wherever you are in the world, we're honored that you have welcomed us into your home this morning, as together we worship the God of all creation incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth. Whether you're with us for an hour or a lifetime, we hope and trust that you will find this a refuge that nourishes the Holy Spirit within you.

As we begin, we acknowledge that we are blessed to be situated on traditional and ancestral Snohomish, Coast Salish land. They cared for this land for millennia before it was taken from them. We honor them, and pray for the wisdom to care for it as well as they. We recognize that we are living among them still, so we are seeking ways of building relationships so that, working together, we can be better stewards of this place and all its people.

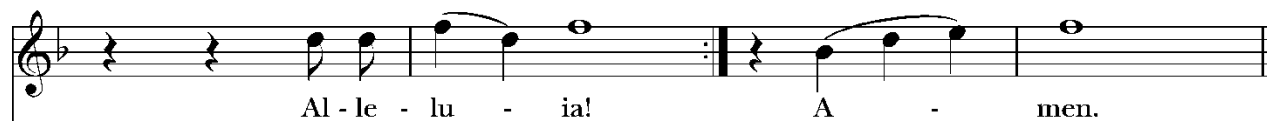
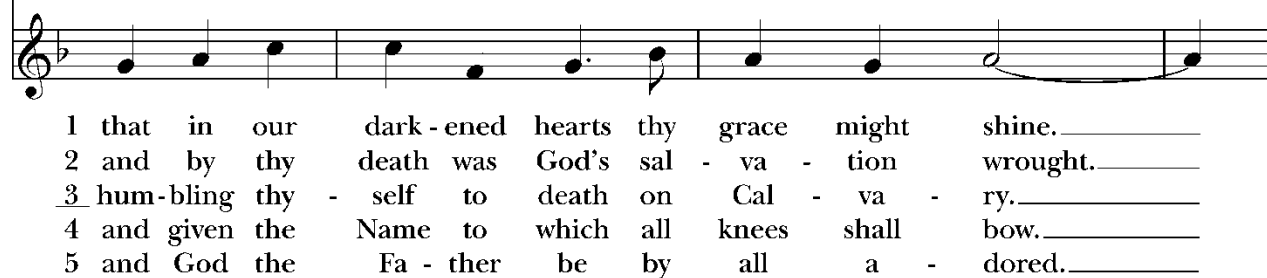
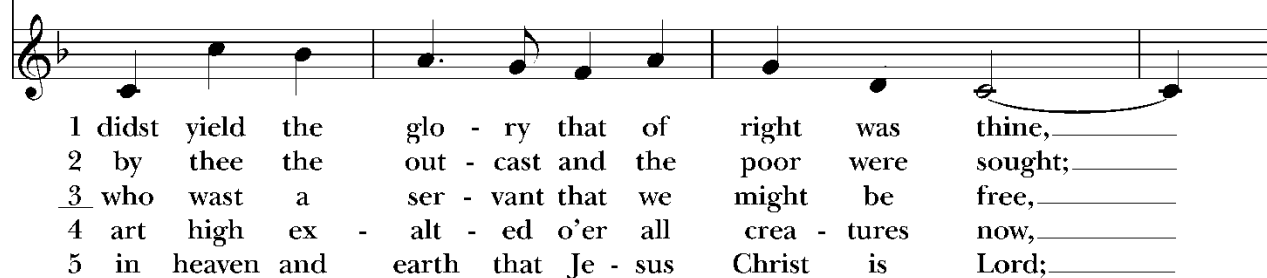
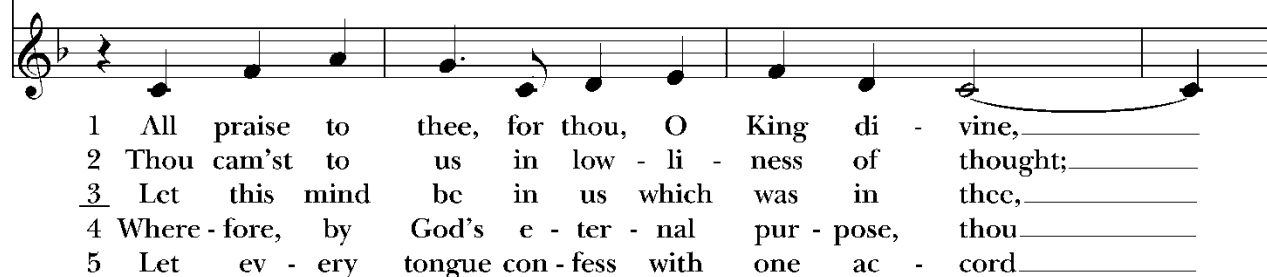
Opening Acclamation**BCP 355**

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.***

Gloria**Bulletin p. 3**



The Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

A Reading from Isaiah chapter 44 beginning with the 10th verse

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-14

BCP 672

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *

to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

²*To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, **

because of their transgressions.

³Our sins are stronger than we are, *

but you will blot them out.

⁴*Happy are they whom you choose*

*and draw to your courts to dwell there! **

they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,

by the holiness of your temple.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation, *

O Hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the seas that are far away.

⁶*You make fast the mountains by your power; **

they are girded about with might.

⁷You still the roaring of the seas, *

the roaring of their waves,

and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸*Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your
marvelous signs; **

you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly;

you make it very plenteous; *

the river of God is full of water.

¹⁰*You prepare the grain, **
for so you provide for the earth.

¹¹You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹²*You crown the year with your goodness, **
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹³May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹⁴*May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,*
*and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; **
let them shout for joy and sing.

The Second Reading

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

A Reading from Romans chapter 8 beginning with the 1st verse

Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set

the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Hymn 632

The Gospel

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹Jesus went out and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on

the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!”

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Father Greg Peters

The Nicene Creed

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 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 Prayers of the People

Priest: God of mercy and healing,
you who hear the cries of those in need,
receive these petitions of your people
that all who are troubled
may know peace, comfort, and courage.

Sisters and brothers, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. By that same Spirit let us pray, saying, “Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips, and teach us your judgments.”

Great God, may the word of your kingdom find good soil in your Church. Bless our Siblings in the Anglican Churches of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Archbishop of Canterbury Sally; the Episcopal Church and Presiding Bishop Sean; Christ Church in Puyallup, Christ Church and St. Andrew's, both in Tacoma and our Bishop Phil; our congregation especially Nick and Anna Sharpe; our Legacy Society, particularly Carol Sanderson; all those who serve you in this place, especially through our Evangelism and Social Justice Ministries; and the congregation of Templo Emanuel. Cause your word to grow in our hearts and bear an abundance of fruit.

Silence

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,
And teach us your judgments.

God of our ancestors, we pray that divided nations be united and warring nations find peace. May we recognize that we are created by your will and are all members of one human family.

Silence

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,
And teach us your judgments.

God of the harvest, bless the seeds and the soil of the world. Give us the wisdom to bring forth its yield wisely and according to your will, that all people may have enough to eat.

We give thanks for Robin McClelland, who is celebrating her birthday July 16.

The congregation may add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,
And teach us your judgments.

Caring God, we are deeply troubled by the violence in our cities. May all who set their minds on death, even now, be converted to the Spirit of life and peace.

Silence

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,
And teach us your judgments.

Healing God, preserve the lives of the suffering and sick, according to your word. Speak joy into the hearts of Robin, Gretchen, Barbara H., Howard, John P., Shirley C., Dee, Bob C., Karen and all the sorrowful.

The congregation may add their petitions, followed by silence.

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,
And teach us your judgments.

Eternal God, you preserve all who are in Christ Jesus from condemnation.
By the resurrection of your Son we trust, that in the fullness of time, you
will give life to our mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwells in us.

Silence

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,
And teach us your judgments.

Priest: Life-giving God,
heal our lives,
that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds
and offer you thanks from generation to generation
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession and Absolution

Enriching Our Worship

Deacon or Priest: Let us confess our sins to God.

*God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,*

*that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.*

The Absolution

Priest: 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

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Announcements

Offertory Hymn: *One Bread, One Body* *Bulletin pp. 14-15*

One bread, one bod-y,

one Lord of all, one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. And we, though

man - y, through - out the earth, We are one

bod - y in this one Lord.

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man,
 2. works, one in the Lord
 3. grown, gath - cred to one

1. — no more. One
 2. — of all. One
 3. — for all. One

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Lord.

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:16, 17; 12:4; Galatians 3:28; The Didache 9
 Music: John B. Foley, SJ

Eucharistic Prayer 1*Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

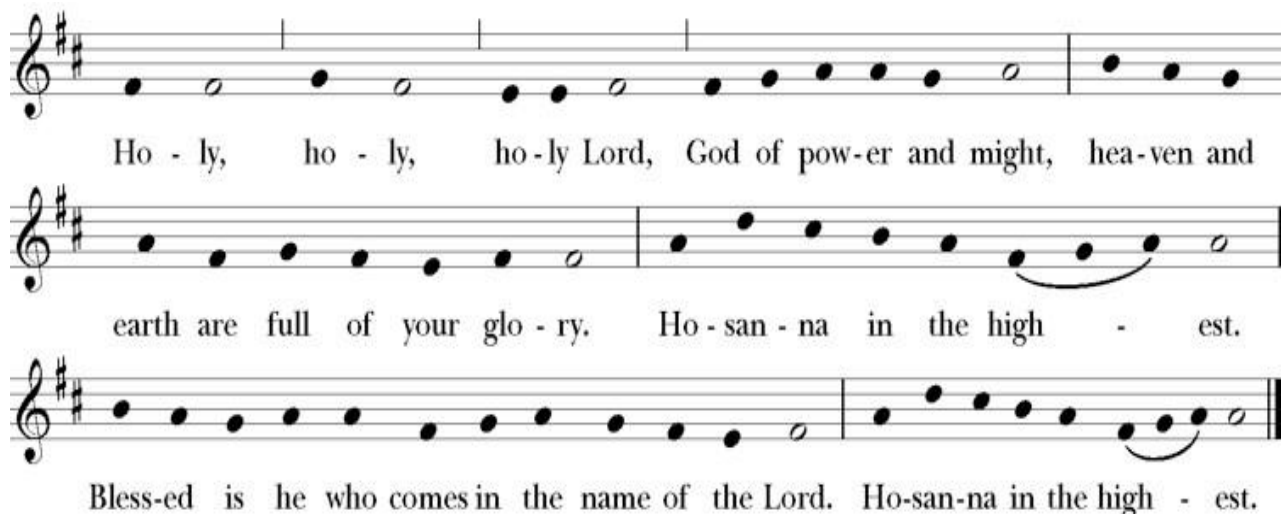
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

Celebrant: You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of
every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine and ourselves as a living sacrifice.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with Mary, Joseph, Alban, and all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

*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

*Antiphon
 Cantor; then All*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died and is risen for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

For those who unable to attend worship in person

*Beloved Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the
Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things, and I
desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you.
Let me never be separated from you in this life
or in the life to come. Amen*

National Cathedral Sunday Online Service 6.13.2021

Communion Hymn: *Father We Thank Thee* **Hymn 302**

Post Communion Prayer

from Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people,*

*forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Spread, O Spread Thy Mighty Word* Hymn 530

Dismissal

Postlude

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Celebrant & Preacher

Organist

Lectors

Chalice & Alms Bearers

Altar Guild

A/V Ministry

Father Greg Peters

Nat Bartels

Jeannie Burpee

Harvey Smith

Anne Richardson

Denise Robertson

Donna Hoffman

Denise Robertson

Phil McClelland

Denise Robertson

Brad Goergen

*Flowers are given to the glory of God by the people of St. Alban's
in thanksgiving to God's many blessings to us.*

Weekly Sunday Outreach Basket Offerings

1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week—Quarterly Outreach Offering

4th week—International Relief Offering

5th Week—Indigenous Women's Offering



For Online donations: go to
www.StAlbansEdmonds.org and click on
"Donate Now" or use QR code above.

Scripture Readings for July 19th

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Announcements

Adult Bible Study Sundays at 9:30am: Join us for Adult Christian Education class (Bible Study) led by Robin McClelland on Sundays at 9:30am in the Annex and also on Zoom (see link below).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83625063228?pwd=bcgNjSKTjQaV8OTcwoeaNgIbbx30Er.1>

Flowers During the Summer: Altar Guild's Directress and Flower Chairperson is Sharon Joy. She will be on vacation from July 23 - August 23. If you have signed up to donate Sunday flowers during that time and have questions, please contact Sharon by July 17. She will be able to advise you on what and where to purchase flowers and put you in touch with the Altar Guild team on duty the week of your donation.

Drive by Food Drive July 18th: Our next Drive by Food Drive will be held on Saturday, July 18, 10:00am-2:00pm. You are encouraged to donate non-perishable foods – canned tuna/chicken, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce, rice, canned/dried beans, peanut butter, jam, etc.

Many people in our neighborhood depend on the food bank to supplement their food needs. Summer can be particularly difficult because school is out and some children are missing breakfasts and lunches provided by their local school.

Thank you for your generosity!

National Night Out: On Tuesday, August 4, from 4:00 to 8:00pm, please join us in welcoming friends, neighbors, and strangers alike that live in our 5 Corners neighborhood during our 2nd National Night Out celebration.

We can use help: starting at 3:00pm with setting up; greeting neighbors; helping with games for children; food; cleaning up. You don't have to be present for the entire time either. To volunteer, please contact Anna Sharpe: 425-221-9154; anna.carskad@gmail.com, Event Chair or Debby Wilson: 206-683-4251; dgzrus@gmail.com, Day of Event chair.

Fall 2026 Education for Ministry Course: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Seattle again this year is offering an Education for Ministry (EFM) course. EFM comes out of the school of theology at the University of the South and is designed to help create a more educated laity. Education for Ministry groups meet in person or online.

Admission requires a solid commitment to attend the weekly seminars and spend 2-4 hours in study and preparation during the academic year (September-June). We meet Mondays at 6:30 at St Andrew's Episcopal Church in the Greenlake neighborhood.

For more information on Education for Ministry:

<https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>