



All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church
8am Sunday July 26, 2026
The Ninth 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.

Scripture Summaries
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The First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

The Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

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Prelude		
Opening Hymn	<i>Not Here for High and Holy Things</i>	Hymn 9
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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, give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name! Let us pray to God, saying, "Spirit, help us in our weakness. *Intercede for us.*"

God of the Church, may your people be as persistent as the mustard shrub. May we spread your love and grace to all people and in all places. May we do our kingdom work with the confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.

Silence

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.

God of the world, make known your deeds among the peoples. Bring peace in places of conflict and violence.

Silence

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.

God of creation, all of your works are marvelous. Everything in creation with which you have surrounded us speaks to your goodness. Give us eyes to see your fingerprints in our world.

I invite your thanksgivings.

Silence

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.

Present God, you did not withhold your own Son, but gave him up for all of us. May we all come to know and experience the depths of your love. By your love, transform hearts and change lives.

Silence

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.

God of wholeness, neither hardship nor distress can separate anyone from your love. Assure the suffering and sick, the hurt and sorrowful, that you care for them. May they remember that you are God who does marvelous things.

Today we are praying for: [Parish prayer list] and I invite to share the others for whom you pray.

Silence

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.

God of our ancestors, you have always been mindful of your promises. You promise that not even death can separate us from your love. May Barbara Hatt, Tom Sine, and all those who have died grow in your eternal love.

Silence

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.

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.*

The Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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Please keep those on our prayer list in your prayers:

For the church throughout the world especially the Anglican Church of Tanzania; All Saints' Goshen in Tacoma and Holy Spirit on Vashon Island

For those in our parish, especially Heather Small and for our Outreach Ministries. For Mary Ann Simons' Estate and our Legacy Society. We give thanks for Emily Goergen, Jim Gilman and who are celebrating their birthdays today

For the sick and those in distress, especially Robin, Barbara H., Gretchen, Howard, John P., Bob C., Shirley C., Dee

For our 3rd Quarter Outreach Programs - week—Pathways for Women (Outreach—3rd Week) and World Central Kitchen (International Relief—4th Week) 5th week— Indigenous Women: WomenSpirit Coalition

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His word.
 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans - ing blood.
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease.
 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, Pre-cious Je - sus, Sa - vior, Friend;

1. Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
 2. Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!
 3. Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest and joy and peace.
 4. And I know that thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Text: Daniel March
 Music: J. C. Lenderman

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>

Chase Lake School Supplies: Once again we will be collecting school supplies to support Chase Lake Elementary School during August. A list of requested supplies is in Parish Hall near the donation collections box for this ministry.

Evening Prayer Team Off in August: The Evening Prayer Team will take a summer break during August. The last Evening Prayer service before the break will be on July 29th, and services will resume on September 2nd. We give thanks for this faithful ministry and wish the team a restful and renewing time.

Blessings Pantry Requests: When asked, clients of St. Alban's Food Ministry request the following foods for our Blessing Pantry: almond milk, soy milk, yogurt, fresh green beans and other fruits/veggies, canned fruit, cabbage, zucchini, ground chicken. Thank you all for your willing hearts and eager 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.

Chinese Art Show & Fundraiser September 12th: Save the Date for Chinese Art Show and Fundraiser September 12th at St. Alban's! More info to come.

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Welcome Back Sunday, September 13th: Join us for Welcome Back Sunday on September 13th! We'll have a special breakfast after the 8am service around 9:15am and our Annual Parish Picnic following the 10:30am service or about noon. Come to one or both! This is a special time for us to gather in worship and enjoy a delicious food with friends old and new.

St. Alban's will provide quiches, coffee and tea for breakfast. And later for our picnic St. Alban's will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas and nonalcoholic drinks. **Also included are fruit, salads, sides, and sweets contributed by our parishioners. Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall.**

Please join us for this wonderful time of friendship, fellowship and breaking bread together. It's a memorable day for all!

Mediation Workshop this Fall: Learn skills that help you avoid and/or resolve conflicts~with family, co-workers, friends, neighbors, clergy. Jim Gilman will be teaching a workshop this fall at St. Alban's on **How to Avoid/Resolve Conflict**. There are three sessions scheduled: Saturday Oct. 3; Saturday Nov. 7; Saturday Dec. 5~each session from 12 to 2 pm. The course book *How to Resolve Conflict: A Practical Mediation Manual* (by James Gilman) will be provided to those who register. **There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall until September 1st.** We hope to provide live streaming for those who are remote. For those who register there is an expectation that they will attend and participate in all three sessions. Questions? Email Jim at namlig74@gmail.com.

Indigenous Circle Meetings Resume this Fall: St. Alban's Indigenous Circle resumes its monthly meetings this Fall. The next meeting is Saturday, Sept. 18 at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall. NOTE: this is a new time: 11:00 am (not 10:30). The Circle is inviting new members to join them in this adventure into the world~past, present, and future~of our Native American Elders. Curiously, in September we are showing an award winning, provocative film *The Primal Mind* by Jamake Highwater. It is a film the Circle began with three years ago. It's a good way to initiate new members into the Circle and an occasion for regular members to reflect and review where we've been. If you would like to join us, please email Jim Gilman at namlig74@gmail.com. Welcome.

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Sunday Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

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Deacon

Organist

Crucifer

Lector

Altar Guild

Father Greg Peters

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Haily Lanum

John Rowan

Pam Pomeroy

JL Krilevich

*Flowers are given to the glory of God by Sheilah Reidburn
in loving memory of her husband, Starling, on their 66th anniversary.*

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 August 2nd

Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21