



Season of Creation

All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church

8am & 10:30 am Sunday September 13, 2026

The Sixteenth 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.

Prelude

Opening Hymn: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing Hymn 334

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

Presider: This is the day the Creator has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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 (8am)

BCP 324

Gloria (10:30am)

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our
 Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am
 Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who

wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"
 do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers." *D.C.*

Fine

Text: South African
 Music: South African

Salutation

Presider: May God, the Creator of all things, be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

A Reading from Genesis chapter 50 beginning with the 15th verse

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your

slaves.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

BCP 733

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, *

and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul, ***

and forget not all his benefits.

³He forgives all your sins *

and heals all your infirmities;

⁴**He redeems your life from the grave ***

and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

⁵He satisfies you with good things, *

and your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.

⁶**The LORD executes righteousness ***

and judgment for all who are oppressed.

⁷He made his ways known to Moses *

and his works to the children of Israel.

⁸**The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, ***

slow to anger and of great kindness.

⁹He will not always accuse us, *

nor will he keep his anger for ever.

- ¹⁰He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- ¹²As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- ¹³As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

The Second Reading

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all and will judge each of us.

A Reading from Romans chapter 14 beginning with the 1st verse

Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and

give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (10:30am only):

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No Saint on Earth Lives Life to Self Alone

1. No saint on earth lives life to self a - lone
2. For to this end our Lord by death was slain,

or dies a - lone, for we with Christ are one.
that to new life he might a - rise a - gain.

So if we live, for Christ a - lone we live,
Through sor - row on to tri - umph Christ has led,

and if we die, to Christ our dy - ing give.
and reigns o'er all: the liv - ing and the dead.

In liv - ing and in dy - ing this con - fess:
 In liv - ing and in dy - ing, him we bless.

we are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.
 We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.

Text: J. W. Schulte-Nordholt; tr. Norman J. Kansfield

Music: Melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958),
 alt. From *Hymns for Church and School* 1964

The Gospel

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-

seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Fr. Greg Peters

The Creed

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Profession of Faith (South Indian)
Guruksel Lutheran Theological College and Research Institute, 2009

The Prayers of the People

Creation tide Form

Priest: We praise your abiding guidance, O God,
for you sent us Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah,
to model for us the way of love for the whole universe.
We offer these prayers of love
on behalf of ourselves and our neighbors,

on behalf of your creation and our fellow creatures.

Intercessor: Eternal God:

We thank you for the beauty of the World:

for the teeming life of the seas, the flight of birds, and the diversity of animal life. Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect and care; to protect endangered species, to preserve the variety of habitats, and to honor the delicate balance of nature.

God of life: *hear our prayer.*

We thank you for the wealth of blessings from land and sea; for the power of wind, and the warmth of sun. We pray for the nations of the earth, give us the will to cherish this planet and to use its resources sustainably for the welfare of all.

God of justice: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the faithful witness of the Church, called to reconcile and heal:

For the Anglican Communion, led by the Archbishop of
Canterbury, Sarah Mullally

For the Episcopal/Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand
and Polynesia

For the Episcopal Church, led by Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe

For this diocese led by Phil LaBelle, and S. Germain's in
Hoodsport and St. Benedict's in Lacey

For this parish, especially Marge Wasser, for our
Communications Ministry, for the Legacy Society
members, especially Maryellen Young, for Greg and all
who serve God through this church.

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the human family. We exult in our diversity and giftedness, we repent of our sins, divisions and violence. By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us. As every human being is known and loved by you, may we care for one another with love and respect. We pray for those you have commended to our care: Marge, Marilee, Susan D., Howard, John P., Jack and Donna, Tyler Crabtree, and those we name silently or aloud.

God of compassion: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died whom we entrust to your eternal love; may we support and comfort those who mourn.

God of peace: **hear our prayer.**

Nina Ranadive Pooley

Presider: 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.**

Book of Occasional Services, 2018, 339

Confession of Sin

Deacon or Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

Merciful and sustaining God,

we have sinned against you.
We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation: teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.
We confess that we have misused your earth:
grant us amendment of life.
We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:
strengthen us in self-control.
We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection.
Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

“Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation,”
Reports To The 78th General Convention: Supplemental Materials
(Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music: SCLM, 2015), 246 - 247

Absolution

Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you,
pardon you
and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven
and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal.
Amen.

The New Zealand Book of Common Prayer, page 408

The Peace

Presider: The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

“A Service of Welcome,”

The Iona Community, *Iona Abbey Worship Book*
(Glasgow, UK: Wildgoose Publications, 2001), 246 - 247

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Thanksgivings

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

God said, “I did not intend my creatures to make themselves servants and slaves to the world’s pleasures. They owe their first love to me. Everything else they should love and possess, as I told you, not as if they owned it, but as something lent them.”

Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), *The Dialogue*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life
and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: O Bless the Lord My Soul **Hymn 411**

Doxology **Hymn 380, vs 3**

Eucharistic Prayer with Creation III

Presider: God is with us.

People: God is present here.

Presider: Rejoice! Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift our hearts to the Most High.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

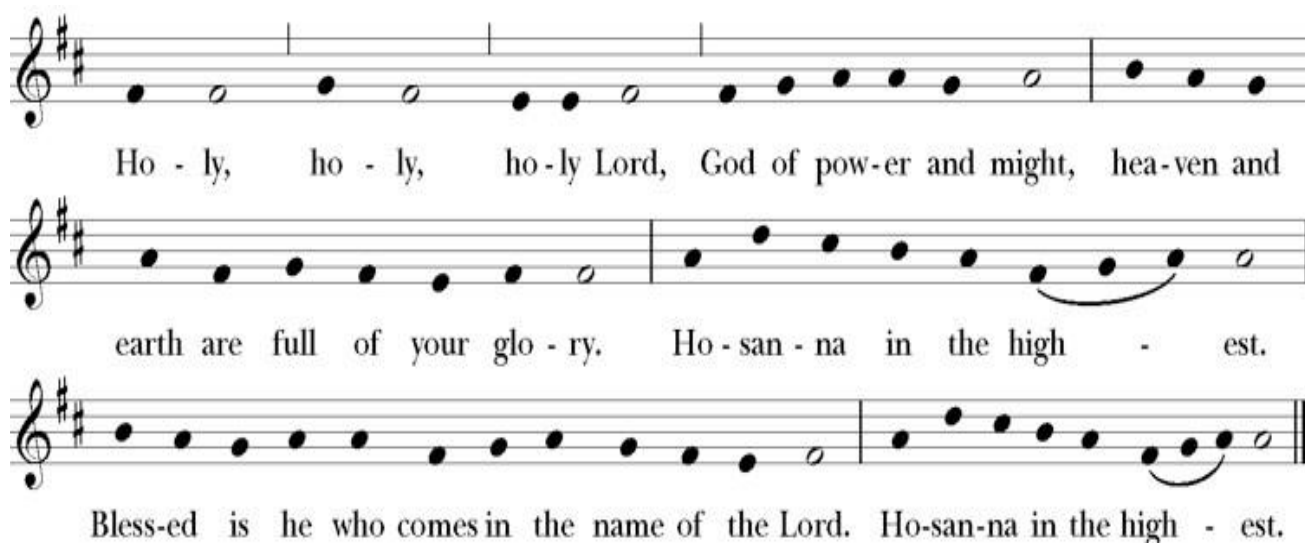
We do praise you, our intimate God, the one who is with us, and with all of creation, the source of this magical, mystical, sensual, beautiful, earth. From microbes to whales you have created all of us. We are privileged to be a strand in all of your creation, including this strange and wonderful home, our earth, the open sky above, the dazzling array of stars and planets, and the unfathomable galaxies beyond us. You have blessed us with a world of infinite variety and beauty, a land of mountains and meadows, canyons and valleys, deserts and jungles. Over and through this land you have provided oceans teeming with life, streams and rivers, crystal clear lakes, and cascading waterfalls. We share this land with all of your creatures, from mosquito to mountain lion, from seal to scorpion. You have formed all of this, this land of such intense wildness and beauty. Therefore, we praise you, O Sacred One, joining our voices with the cry of your animals, the rocks, the stars, the Moon, the Sun, and all the universe as we say/sing with joy:

Sanctus (8am)

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Sanctus (10:30am)

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We bless you and thank you Gracious God for all of these gifts, and for weaving us, the web of humanity, into this world. But instead of caring deeply for this most perfect of creations, the universe beyond our comprehension and this earth in which we live, we have rebelled against it, against ourselves, against You. We disregarded the interconnected web of life in which we live. Instead of loving it as a mother loves her child, we put ourselves above it, as if it was something we could own. It became something to control rather than a part of us and a part of you. Each time you have called us back, called us to understand that we are not masters of the earth, but instead a part of the earth. You continually remind us that caring for you means caring for your earth and for each other.

The People and Presider say together

Then, All-Holy God, you sent Jesus Christ to be among us. Through His incarnation, You taught us that You are always with us and all of the world. He showed us the way to grace and freedom, and how to show compassion to each other and the world. He gathered a people as your own and filled us with longing for justice and peace for all of creation. Keep us ever

vigilant to follow his example so that we may bring about Your reign that He opened for us, through his life, his death, and his resurrection. It is a reign where all your creation will be one.

The Presider continues

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." When supper was ended, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to You, and passed the cup among his friends and said: "Take this all of you and drink from it, this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, do this in memory of me."

Therefore, let us pray:

All join in prayer

Gracious God among us, help us to feel your presence, and give us the strength to serve your creation and your people this day and every day.

The Presider continues

Now gathered at your table, God of Creation, and remembering what Jesus Christ taught us, we offer to you this bread and this wine, a gift of your creation and work of human hands. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, O Sacred One. May they become for us the Body and Blood of Christ, just as we, your people, are that same Body. Breathe your Spirit upon us also and upon the entire earth. Make us one with your earth, so that all of Creation may become one with your Body.

The People and Presider say together

Bring all of us, from every clan, tribe, and nation together, to feast upon your abundant banquet, prepared from the fruits of your earth and made possible by the redemption of your Christ.

The Presider continues

Through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the entire Universe, all glory and honor to God and Creator, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

from Grace St. Paul Episcopal Church, Tucson, AZ

The Lord's Prayer

As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray.

Leader: Our Father [and/or: Mother] in heaven

People: You are also at home in the air, soil, forests and oceans

Leader: Hallowed be your name

People: By the care we take of your Creation

Leader: Your kingdom come

People: All that you see is good

Leader: Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven

People: Your will to till and care

Leader: Give us this day our daily bread

People: That all may have enough to live life in fullness

Leader: Forgive us our trespasses

People: **Our greed, our exploitation, our lack of concern for other species and for future generations**

Leader: As we forgive those who trespass against us

People: **By reconciliation with justice and peace.**

Leader: Lead us not into temptation

People: **The temptation to equate dominion with exploitation**

Leader: And deliver us from evil

People: **The evil of destroying your gift of creation**

Leader: For yours is the kingdom

People: **Yours, Lord, not ours**

Leader: The power and the glory

People: **In the cross and resurrection**

Leader: For ever and ever

People: **You are the beginning and you are the end. Amen. (So be it)¹⁵**

Creation Care Prayers, The Church of England Environmental Programme

Fraction Anthem

Presider This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

People **All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.**

John 6:51

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 (10:30am):

Hymn 674

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Post Communion Prayer

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of
your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we
be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours.
Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

“Prayers of Intercession for Creation Time,” (2012)

Closing Prayers and Blessings

Deep peace, pure white of the moon to you. Deep peace, pure green
of the grass to you. Deep peace, pure brown of the earth to you. Deep

peace, pure gray of the dew to you. Deep peace, pure blue of the sky to you. Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

Fiona MacLeod,
The Dominion of Dreams: Under the Dark Star,
(New York, Duffield, 1910)

Closing Hymn: Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah Hymn 690

Dismissal

As we conclude our service, I invite you to join me in dedicating ourselves to care of the Earth.

Deacon: We join with the Earth and with each other

People: **To bring new life to the land**

To restore the waters

To refresh the air.

Deacon: We join with the Earth and with each other

People: **To renew the forests**

To care for the plants

To protect the creatures.

Deacon: We join with the Earth and with each other

People: **To celebrate the seas**

To rejoice in the sunlight

To sing the song of the stars.

Deacon: We join with the Earth and with each other

People **To recreate the human community**

To promote justice and peace

To remember our children.

Deacon: We join with the Earth and with each other
All: We join together as many and diverse
expressions of one loving mystery:
for the healing of the Earth
and the renewal of all life. Amen.

“U.N. Environmental Sabbath Program”
Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon ed.,
Earth Prayers (Harper, San Francisco, 1991), 94 – 95

Postlude

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Celebrant & Preacher

Deacon

Organist

8am Crucifer

8am Lector

10:30 Crucifer

10:30am Lectors

Chalice & Arms Bearers

Altar Guild

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Fr. Greg Peters

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Jenny Liao

Raina Kille

Hailey Lanum

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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
for our many blessings*

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.

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>

Neighbor to Neighbor Program Begins This Fall at Soup and Salad Dinners: Our Soup and Salad Dinner and Program resumes on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. We begin at 6:00pm with Evening Prayer followed by a Soup and Salad Dinner at 6:30pm. At 7pm, we begin our Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program. The aim of this program is to find ways to get to know better our neighbors in the pews next to us, and to support and encourage each other in following Christ.

At the first Soup and Salad Supper on September 16th, both Father Greg and Jim Gilman will be sharing what they would like you to understand about their lives and spiritual journeys.

Thursday Women's Discussion Group: The Thursday Women's Discussion Group will resume group meetings on Thursday, September 17th. We gather (every two weeks) for fellowship at 1 pm and our discussion goes from 1:30 to 3 pm. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Jeannie Burpee (jandjburpee@gmail.com 541-430-1476, Susan Hanson a thansonsj2001@gmail.com or 206-755-4896 or Maryellen Young at maryelleny@comcast.net or 425-776-2461.

One Service at 9:30am & Town Hall after Worship on September 20th: On Sunday, September 20th, we will have a combined service at 9:30am. After the service there will be a "Town Hall" meeting at 11:00am, when we will discuss pros and cons for reviewing our current service structure, answer questions and ask for your input. Any changes to services will be determined by votes from all parishioners. Ballots will be mailed out on September 28th and tallied on October 12th. Results of the voting will be published in Around the Parish to be sent out on October 16th.

Announcements

ECW Ladies Coffee September 26th 10:30am- 12pm: Back by popular request we are having Debbie Dimitre again! In her unique presentation, you will not only hear the life story and reminiscences of (Sarah Cannon) Minnie Pearl, but have the opportunity to enjoy some of the favorite jokes and stories! She was known for the Grand Ole Opry and TV Hee Haw! Light refreshments and coffee and tea will be served. Donations will be welcomed! Please invite your friends to this wonderful presentation!

Chase Lake Volunteers: I am recruiting volunteers for Chase Lake Elementary School. I have been volunteering there for 10 years and really enjoy working with the staff and kiddos. Many of the students come from difficult backgrounds, have English as a second language, and/or have medical issues. The kids and staff are appreciative of the time spent with volunteers.

To apply, go to the Edmonds School District website. Click on "Community" at the top of the page. At the bottom of the drop-down menu, click on "Volunteer." You will enter a site with two parts: 1. The harassment policy and 2. background check. Fill them out. You will then be notified by email when you are approved. Next you can go to the mail office, and volunteer or contact me. Bob Chaffee 206-715-6610. If I don't answer, leave a voicemail.

St. Alban's Fauna and Foliage: In honor of St. Francis' loving care of creation, please take photos of animals and plants on St. Alban's campus. Some will be selected for a lively ATP photo journal before the Feast of St. Francis. All plants and critters great and small will be appreciated! Please send images to jeannie.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com. We'll accept photos until September 27th.

Blessing of the Animals Sunday October 4th: All year long our pets and animal companions bless, keep, and guard us. Please join us in celebration of them on Sunday, October 4th for the Feast of St. Francis. This day we honor Francis who preached praise for the Creator and Redeemer of all things and saw his fellow creatures as sisters and brothers. Bring your animals or plants who are part of your family for a special blessing. If you are unable to bring your pet but wish for them to be included, consider bringing a picture to hold, and if you have a pet you wish to be remembered who is no longer with us, we will gladly honor their memory.