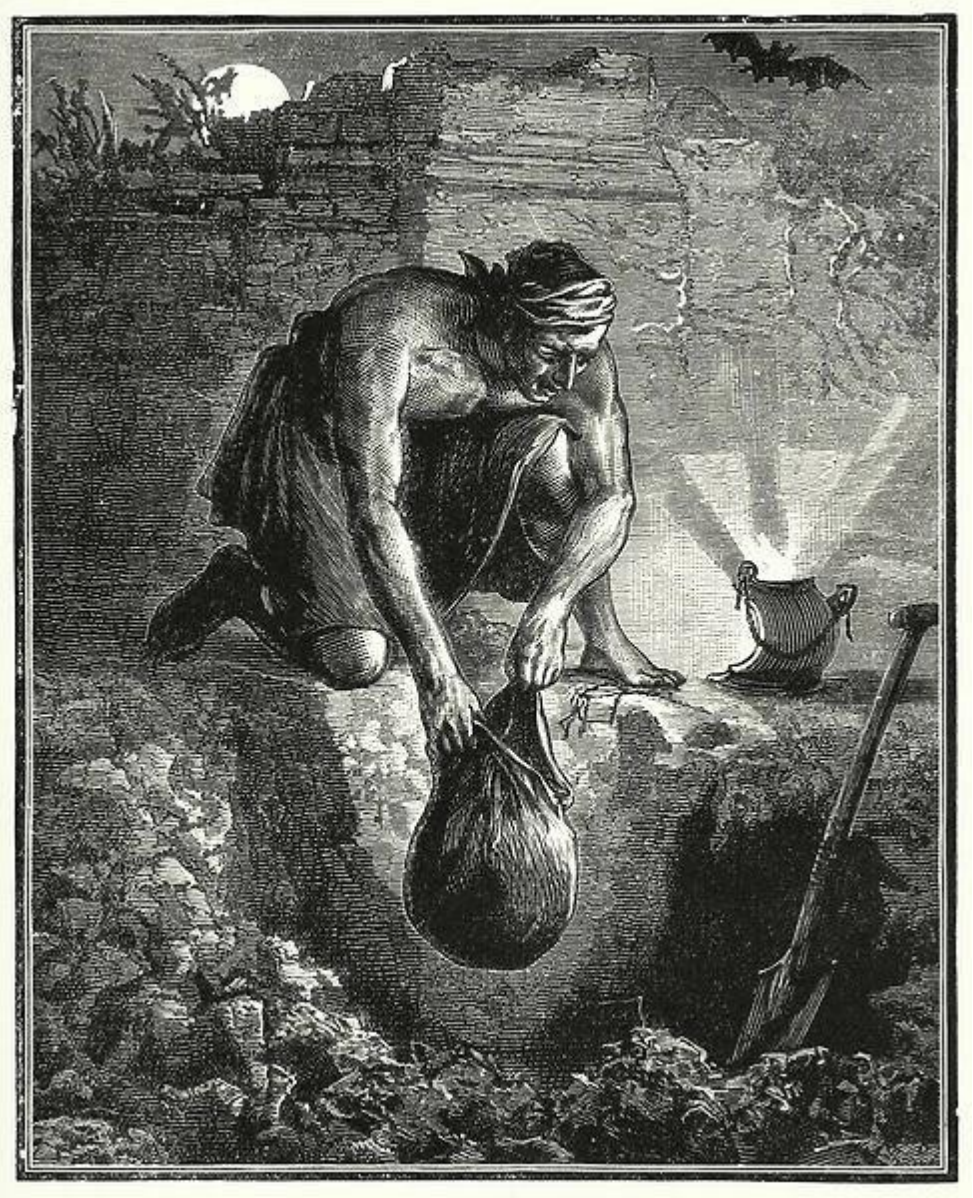


**All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church**

**10:30 am Sunday, November 15, 2026**

**The Twenty-Fifth Day 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.*

**Beatitudes - Native American Bible version**

Creator's blessing rests on the poor, the ones with broken spirits. The good road from above is theirs to walk.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk a trail of tears, for he will wipe the tears from their eyes and comfort them.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk softly and in a humble manner. The earth, land, and sky will welcome them and always be their home.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who hunger and thirst for wrongs to be made right again. They will eat and drink until they are full.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are merciful and kind to others. Their kindness will find its way back to them—full circle.

Creator's blessing rests on the pure of heart. They are the ones who will see the Great Spirit.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who make peace. It will be said of them, 'They are the children of the Great Spirit!'

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are hunted down and mistreated for doing what is right, for they are walking the good road from above. Others will lie about you, speak against you, and look down on you with scorn and contempt, all because you walk the road with me. This is a sign that Creator's blessing is resting on you. So let your hearts be glad and jump for joy, for you will be honored in the spirit world above. You are like the prophets of old, who were treated in the same way by your ancestors.

**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn:** ***Rise Up, Ye Saints of God*** **Hymn 551**

*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.

**Greeting**

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Our congregation was founded on the homeland of ancestral Snohomish, Coast Salish people.

**People: May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

*Silence may be kept*

**Honouring the Four Directions**

*The congregation is invited to turn in the four directions as indicated below.*

Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

We face East: To your symbol colour red, the hue of revelation;
To your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing;

To your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit in harmony with others;
To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages,
We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face South:
To your symbol colour gold for the morning star;
To your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings light on our path to live responsibly;
To your lessons calling us to balance of mind in the spirit of humility;
To invoke your spirit of illumination and far-sighted vision;
help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul,
We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face West: To your symbol colour black, still and quiet;
To your animal symbol the Thunderbird;
To your symbol the thunder mighty and purposeful;
To your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of gentleness and honesty;
To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within;
Give us your strength and the courage to endure,
We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face North: To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness;
To your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things;
To your lessons calling us to balance of our body in the spirit of a good sense of humor;
To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love;

Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing,
We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to complete the circle and to look:
To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain;
To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of mercy and lovingly embraces all;
and to the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action,
**Come to us, Great Spirit.**

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:** ***O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light*** **Hymn 63**

**The Collect of the Day** **BCP 357**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.
**People:** **And also with you.**
*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

**The First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

7 Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,

a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
[16]a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

[17]I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
[18]Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

**Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12** **BCP 694**

[1]Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
**[2]Before the mountains were brought forth,**
**or the land and the earth were born, ***
from age to age you are God.
[3]You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

[4]**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past ***
**and like a watch in the night.**
[5]You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
[6]**In the morning it is green and flourishes; ***
**in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
[7]For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
[8]**Our iniquities you have set before you, ***
**and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**
[9]When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
[10]**The span of our life is seventy years,**
**perhaps in strength even eighty; ***
**yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,**
**for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**
[11]Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?
[12]**So teach us to number our days, ***
**that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

**The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are

not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn (10:30 Service Only)** **Hymn 633**

***Word of God, Come Down on Earth***

**The Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30**

*Deacon or Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five

more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.
**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** **Father Greg Peters**

**The Nicene Creed** **BCP 358**

*Deacon or Priest*: Please stand as you are able as we reaffirm our faith by saying 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 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

*Adapted from the Prayers of the People for Indigenous Peoples Day*
*Endorsed by the Committee on Indian Relations for the Episcopal Diocese of Maine*

*Priest:* God of life, we praise you for your abiding presence
from generation to generation,
blessing your people,
strengthening us to lives of service,
empowering us to witness.
Hear the prayers we offer on behalf of your creation.

*Intercessor*: With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace among all nations, for justice among neighbors, for safety for all in uncertain transit; for refugees from violence and all those

seeking a home, for those served by the Refugee Resettlement Office, and for Episcopal Relief and Development, the International Relief organization that we are supporting this quarter, that they may be relieved and protected,

let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the remembrance of our Native American ancestors who may have been displaced, and immigrant ancestors who may have come to this land seeking freedom from oppression and conquest, but who in turn displaced others, perhaps not even fully understanding the harm that was being done,

let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the forgiveness of sin, for the repentance of wrong, and for justice to shine in its place,

let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For understanding and acknowledgement of injustice wrought in the name of God by those whose paths we inherit, for righting the infliction of harms, for fellowship to replace oppression, and for reconciliation and healing to ease pain,

let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For bearing witness to the pain of our neighbors, especially **Gretchen, Karen, Dee, Barbara H., Robin, Howard, Shirley C., Bob C., John P., Teddi, Jennifer** and others whom we name now either silently or aloud *(pause)* in hope that the love of God can heal all pain and broken bonds,

let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those forgotten tongues, rites, peoples, clans, tribes and traditions, including tribes of our own ancestry and of the original inhabitants of this land, the Snohomish, Coast Salish people, who were oppressed by conquerors, and yet prayed to You in all Your forms for deliverance,

let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the love of God to fill this place and the hearts of all of God's children with good will; for a path of peace to walk side by side; and the promise of God that we all, regardless of race or creed, belong to God and that we belong to one another. For Bishop LaBelle and the churches and ministries of this diocese, especially **the Diocesan Council, the Board of Directors, and the Standing Committee**. For this congregation, especially **Ron Austin**, our many ministries, including **our Greeters and Prayer Chain Ministry** and for Louise Clark for the Legacy Society and all the members of the Legacy Society for whom we give thanks this week,

let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In the communion of all the saints, especially Howard, Michael, Joanne, Kay and those we now name . . . let us commend ourselves and one another and all of our lives to Christ our God.
**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Priest:* Grant that as we serve you now on earth,
so we may one day rejoice with all the saints
in your kingdom of light and peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**
*from Enriching Our Worship*

*Deacon or Priest:* Let us confess our sins unto God and our neighbor.

**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

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.**

## Birthdays, Anniversaries and Thanksgivings

## Announcements

## The Holy Communion

## Offertory Sentence

**Offertory Hymn:** ***For the Fruits of All Creation*** **Hymn 424**

**Doxology (vs 3)** **Hymn 380**

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Cedar and Salah Eucharist Prayer from New Westminster 110426*

Celebrant: May God be with you
**People: And also with you**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts
**People: We lift them up**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God our Creator
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

It is right at all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here on this Coast Salish land on the edge of the Salish Sea, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

**Holy, holy, holy One,**
**God of power and might**
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**
**Hosanna in the highest.**
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of Our God.**
**Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized into the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me. Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup, and ourselves as a living sacrifice.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with Mary, Joseph, Alban, and all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

**O Great Spirit, our Father from above,**
**we honor your name as sacred and holy.**

**Bring your good road to us,**
**where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above**
**is reflected in the earth below.**

**Provide for us day by day--**
**the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.**
**The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.**
**All the things we need for each day.**

**Release us from the things we have done wrong,**
**in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us.**

**Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road,**
**and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways.**

**Aho! May it be so!**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
**People: Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

**Invitation**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for God's holy people.

## 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 (10:30 Service Only) Hymn 490

***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***

## Post-Communion Prayer

**Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven. Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds, strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.**

**Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

Send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. And the blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us; the Saviour, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** ***O Jesus, I Have Promised*** **Hymn 655**

**Dismissal** **BCP p. 366**

*Deacon or Priest:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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## Serving in Today's Worship

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| Celebrant & Preacher | Fr. Greg Peters |
| Pianist/Organist | Peter Nelson-King |
| 10:30 Crucifer | Colyn LaVergne |
| 10:30am Lectors, Chalice & Alms Bearers | Susan Hanson |
| | Eric Hanson |
| Altar Guild | Susan Hanson |
| | Linda Rowan |
| A/V Ministry | Phil McClelland |
| | Denise Robertson |
| | Brad Goergen |

***Flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Jeannie Burpee "to Jon and our family."***

**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

We can bearly wait!



# Join us for a Baby Shower

## For Anna & Nick Sharpe

**Sunday, December 6th in between services beginning around 9:15am**

**Their precious little bundle of joy is on the way!**

**Please help us celebrate this very special occasion with Anna and Nick!**

## *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: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83625063228?pwd=bcgNjSKTjQaV8OTcwoeaNgIbbx30Er.1

**Chase Lake Christmas Monetary Donations:** Due to a change of policy in the Edmonds School District, we can only donate money for Chase Lake's Holiday Cheer program. The PTSA will use the money to purchase food or gifts. Please make donations no later than Sunday, November 29th. Designate your donation as "Chase Lake" on the memo line of your check or cash in an envelope labeled "Chase Lake." Place your name on the envelope so we can give you credit for your contribution. Holidays can be very difficult for struggling families, and we are very grateful that our congregation is very generous in support of Chase Lake Community School!

**Soup Luncheon November 18th Celebrating Native American Heritage Month**: During the darker winter hours, we've changed our monthly Soup Suppers to Soup Luncheons. Join us Wednesday, November 18th for our very first Soup and Salad Luncheon of the season. We'll start at 12 p.m. in the sanctuary with Mid-day Prayer. Lunch is at 12:30pm in the Parish Hall. Food for this event will be provided by members of our Indigenous Circle including Fry Bread, Indigenous Stews and much more. At 1pm we'll hear from Teddi Balagot and Paul Bragg as they share with us their experiences as Native residents. Please join us for this time of prayer, good food and fellowship, and learning.

Transgender Day of Remembrance November 21st 7pm: There will be a Transgender Day of Remembrance at St. Hilda St. Patrick on Saturday, November 21 at 7pm. They will celebrate the lives of transgender people lost to hate, and bring together the while community in support of love, inclusiveness, diversity and understanding. Please contact office@sthildastpatrick.org with questions.

**Scripture Readings for November 22nd**

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46*