

Grace Weekly: Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 24, 2018

Children's Chapel will take place during the first half of the 10:30 service.

**denotes music in the 10:30 liturgy*



*Prelude

Siciliano from *Flute Sonata in E-flat major*
Kathy Alley, *Flute*

J.S. Bach

*Gathering Hymn 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

Collect of the Day

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

First Reading: 1 Samuel 17:32-49

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's and he will give you into our hand.

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Psalm 9:9-20 (*Read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the lectern side.*)

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| 9 The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, *
a refuge in time of trouble. | 15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, *
and in the snare they set is their own foot
caught. |
| 10 Those who know your Name will put their
trust in you, *
for you never forsake those who seek you,
O LORD. | 16 The LORD is known by his acts of justice; *
the wicked are trapped in the works of their
own hands. |
| 11 Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; *
proclaim to the peoples the things he has
done. | 17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, *
and also all the peoples that forget God. |
| 12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; *
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted. | 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, *
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for
ever. |
| 13 Have pity on me, O LORD; *
see the misery I suffer from those who hate
me,
O you who lift me up from the gate of death; | 19 Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the
upper hand; *
let them be judged before you. |
| 14 So that I may tell of all your praises
and rejoice in your salvation *
in the gates of the city of Zion. | 20 Put fear upon them, O LORD; *
let the ungodly know they are but mortal. |

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

***Sequence Hymn 379**

God is Love, let heaven adore him

Abbot's Leigh

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

***Anthem at the Offertory**

Jesu, joy of man's desiring

J.S. Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashion'd With the fire of life impassion'd.
Striving still to Truth unknown, Soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

***Communion Hymns (inserts)**

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me
Stand by Me*

John E. Gould
Charles A. Tindley

***Recessional Hymn 535**

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Paderborn

***Postlude**

Allegro from Organ Concerto in A minor

J.S. Bach

Our Prayers

Members of Grace Church: Ben & Joann, Bill, Bill, Diane & Maribeth, Bob, Linda & Al, Don & Ann, Charlotte, Jim & Eleanor

Friends of Grace: Andy, Ashley, Barbie, Becky, Billy, Bob, Carol, Dick, Drew, Fred, George, Jackie, James, Jesse, John, Joseph, Kamdyn, Kent, Liana, Lori, Madeleine & Dakota, Mahalia, Mazie, Megan, Norris, Rina, Sascha, Spencer, and Tommie.

In Our Cycles of Prayers this week, we remember: **The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) and the Most Rev. Nicholas Okoh, Metropolitan & Primate of all Nigeria & Bishop of Abuja; St. John in the Wilderness, Flat Rock**

Serving This Week

Choir: Kathy Alley, Jackie Blevins, Diane & Bill Collins, Pam Davis, Ann-Cherie & David Dye, Nancy Fergusson, Mary & Mike Hartman, Marlene Hyatt, Mary Alice & Michael Lodico, Madison Owen, Ann Rothermel, Joann Thrower, Jan Treston, Kathleen & Bob Vogt, Paula & Peter Welling, Derrick Zeller

Altar Guild: Gretchen Tope, Edwina Costley, Posy Williams

Coffee Hour: Joann Heron & Lauren Sutton (8:00); Christy & Tom Maloney (10:00)

Collection Counters: Bob Tope & Dan Linker

Crucifer/Server & Torchbearers: Jack Geist, Kathy Alley, Harper Bishop (10:30)

Lectors: Donna Buckner (8:00); Lauri SoJourney, Kenneth Ratcliffe (10:30)

Eucharistic Ministers: John Mozelewski, John & Lauren Sutton (8:00)
Mary Lockey, Melanie Walt, Joyce Brooks (10:30)

Ushers: Daniel Atterholt, Cynthia & Richard Sand (10:30)

Eucharistic Visitor: Natalie Bayless, visiting Alice Sexton

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

Today

EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

***Children's Chapel during the 10:30 service.** Children will be dismissed after the Procession and will return at the Offertory. Don't let them miss this kid-friendly, interactive version of the liturgy!

***Adults (9:15):** **The Life of Anna Alexander and Modern Racism in the Deep South.** Scott Dudley will share a biography of Anna Alexander and his experiences with racism in Georgia, Virginia, and North Carolina.

Episcopal Church 101 in the Library. This week's topic is how decisions are discerned and made in the Episcopal Church (aka polity).

A Pilgrimage to Ireland: Orion Davis is planning a pilgrimage to Ireland the beginning of May next year. If you have any interest in learning more about this spiritual adventure, he will have an orientation and information session in the library today at 12 noon.

Announcements

Parish Fair Updates: Continued sign-ups needed in Thatcher Hall, especially for intake help July 9th – 25th, for electronics and sports equipment set-up on the lawn Friday, July 27th from 9 am – 12 noon, and for sales assistance on the day of the Fair, July 28th from 9 am until 1 pm. If donated items need to be stored in the garages at Grace church before intake begins, please contact Fred Deeb (828-620-1917). There will be a **Fair Preview Party** Sunday, July 22nd from 2 pm – 5 pm. This is the time for those working during the Fair to buy items. Your family and friends are invited to share this opportunity to purchase items before Fair Day.

Deck Discussions returns on the last Tuesday of the month for fellowship and conversation on the deck off of the parish hall. Adults are encouraged to bring any snacks and beverage of choice which often adds to the liveliness of

the discussion. We meet at 6 pm for social time, and around 6:30 Orion Davis will suggest a topic (which often provides an hour of energetic conversation). We hope you will join us on *Tuesday, June 26*.

Men of Grace Breakfast on Saturday, July 7th at 9 am in Thatcher Hall. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. Bring a friend!

Family Fun Thursdays at Lake Logan: Calling all families and young at heart! Let's meet at Lake Logan swim area and beach Thursday mornings this summer! 9:30-12:30 is when the young ones will be there. Stay all day if you like. Swim, boat, hike! Call Lake Logan at (828) 646-0095 to reserve your spot. It's only \$5 a day for adults and kids over 10 years old. Under ten are free. Only \$10 for boats! Come join us!

The Pigeon Center is in need of donations for their upcoming summer program. Items include pots, pans, and other kitchenware that the children can play with in their new playground "mud kitchen" (no sharp items please), play vehicles (tricycles, ride-on plastic cars, etc.) and signs for their outdoor roadway, and gently used or new prizes for the children to "buy" at the Do-Right Store (think dollar store toys, individually wrapped snacks, etc.). Please drop items in Thatcher Hall to be collected. Contact Madison Owen (mrowen1@catamount.wcu.edu or 803-553-8527) for more information.

Gatherings this Week: June 25th – 30th

(* = open to all to attend)

- *Deck Discussions, Tuesday, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- *Outreach Committee Meeting, Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Library
- *Open Library Use, Wednesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- *Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Wednesday, 12:00 noon, Church
- Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Choir Room
- Grief & Hope Class, Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Library
- *Marthas Knitting Group, Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Marthas Room
- *Sisters of Grace, Thursday, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Location to be announced)
- *Friday Morning Prayer, 8:00 am, Panacea Coffee House

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The Rev. Joslyn Ogden Schaefer, Rector

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The Rev. Orion Davis & The Rev. Harriet Simmons, Priest Associates

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Sarah Yeargin, Interim Parish Administrator

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Bill Collins, Sr. Warden (2018)

Louisa Lunt (2018)

Linda Sexton (2018)

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Paula Welling, Jr. Warden (2019)

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