

Grace Weekly: The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 12, 2018

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

**denotes music in the 10:30 liturgy*



***Prelude**

Meditation on *One Bread, One Body*

***Gathering Hymn 1**

Father, we praise thee

Christe sanctorum

Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Psalm 130 (Read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the lectern side.)

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| 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. | 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning. |
| 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand? | 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy; |
| 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared. | 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. |
| 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope. | |

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Holy Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

***Offertory Music**

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear his praise forth tell, come ye before him, and rejoice.
The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.
For why? The Lord our God is good: his mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.*

Healing Prayer Stations: During and after communion today, members of the Order of St. Luke will be serving at our prayer stations in the Narthex. If you would like them to offer a prayer for you or someone you know, please feel free to go to one of the teams.

***Communion Hymns (insert)**
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One Bread, One Body
We the Lord's people

John B. Foley, SJ
Decatur Place

***Recessional Hymn 559**

Lead us, heavenly Father

Dulce Carmen

***Postlude**

Improvisation on *Dulce carmen*

Our Prayers

Members of Grace Church: Alyson & Francis; Ben & Joanne; Betty; Bill; Bill & Diane; Bob; Dot; Gail, April, Hunter, & Decker; Jim & Eleanor; John; Julie; Katherine & Lisa; Linda & Al; Prescott

For those who have died: Mark Brown, son-in-law of Charles Baker; Jim McElrath, former Deacon at Grace Church

Friends of Grace: Andy, Ashley, Barbie, Becky, Ben, Bill, Billy, Bob, Carol, David, Dick, Drew, Fred, Gage & Family, George, the Hallmark Family, Jackie, James, John, Joseph, Kent, Lori, Madeleine & Dakota, Mahalia, Maxcy, Mazie, Megan, Norris, Randy, Rina, Rosemary, Sascha, Scott & Family, Spencer, Stanley, Tommie, Vicki

In Our Cycles of Prayers this week, we remember: Church of the Province of South East Asia and the Most Rev. Ng Moon Hing, Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of West Malaysia; La Capilla de Santa Maria, Hendersonville; St. Mary of the Hills, Blowing Rock; St Mary's, Asheville

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, Ann Rothermel, Joanne Thrower, Jan Treston, Bill Simmons, Kathleen & Bob Vogt, Paula & Peter Welling, Derrick Zeller

Altar Guild: Gretchen Tope, Edwina Costley, Posy Williams

Collection Counters: Paula Welling & Laurel Destry

Coffee Hour: The Suttons & the Sinagras (8:00)

Crucifer/Server & Torchbearers: Kent Clary, Harper Bishop, Elias Schaefer (10:30)

Lectors: Donna Buckner (8:00); Susan Williams, Sarah Yeargin (10:30)

Eucharistic Ministers: John Mozelewski, John Sutton, Donna Buckner (8:00)
Mary Lockey, Kenneth Ratcliffe, Rachel Robles (10:30)

Ushers: Jim Moore, Jim Gibson, Martha Bradley (10:30)

Eucharistic Visitor: Kent Clary, visiting Dot Reid

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by John & Donna Culp in honor of their 24th wedding anniversary on August 13th.

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): "From Palace to Public Square: International Exposure and Advancing the Jesus Movement."** Continuing with our series studying Bishop Curry's powerful sermon at the royal wedding, we will examine the opportunities that have emerged for the church in the public square in response to the royal wedding and identify and describe the mission of the Jesus Movement. We will also finish up Lesson Two: The Way of Love.

Pathways Dinner: This evening at 4:45 pm we will meet at the Haywood Pathways Center (179 Hemlock Street) to prepare and serve dinner to the residents at 6:00 pm. We hope that families and children will join us in preparing a simple, kid-friendly meal! To RSVP, text/call Natalie Bayless at (650) 438-2953 or Vicky Gribble at (828) 400-7616.

Announcements

Please consider signing up for coffee hour any time during the rest of the month of August. If you feel led to serve our Parish in this way, the sign-up sheet is located on the far right side of the bulletin board in Thatcher Hall.

The Adult Education Committee Meeting has been moved to Tuesday, August 14th at 12 noon in the Library. Have ideas? Want to present at Adult Forum? Just curious about what goes on at these meetings? All are welcome! Contact Pam Nolte-Viau (pnolteviau@gmail.com) if you want to make it but can't or if you have any questions.

Important ECW meeting Saturday, August 18th, from 9:30 am until 11:00 am in Thatcher Hall. Continental breakfast served. We will be making final plans for the **Tablescapes Luncheon** scheduled for Saturday, September 8. Please mark your calendars and plan to help with this fun event to benefit the Pathways Center! Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be purchased at the meeting, during coffee hours or by contacting Kathie Johnson at (386) 299-4979.

SPLASH for Diocesan Youth, Sunday, August 19th from 2:00 – 6:00 pm at Camp Ridgecrest. All youth of the Diocese are invited to join in for an afternoon of fun at Camp Ridgecrest, located near Black Mountain, NC. Fun, games, and lunch will be provided. Cost is \$10 at the gate. Contact the Rector if your tween or teen wants to attend!

Spirituality of Caregiving Class: Caregiving can be a genuine burden and genuine gift - at the same time! In this four-week class, we will explore the spiritual dimensions of caregiving as well as some practical advice. Topics may include self-care, caregiving as a Christian vocation, anticipatory grief, and talking about "the end," managing expectations, and navigating family dynamics. The class begins on *Thursday, August 23 from 10:30 am to noon*. The last session is September 13. It will be co-facilitated by Maureen Hunt, a psychotherapist and spiritual director and Joslyn Schaefer, our Rector. Childcare will be available. Email the office (admin@gracewaynesville.com) or call (828) 456-6029 to reserve a spot. We will do our best to provide respite care for loved ones if they can't be along while you attend. Notify us if that is needed.

Looking Ahead

- **Sunday School** starts on Sunday, September 9.
- **United Way Day of Caring**, Thursday, September 13. Grace's Outreach Committee is forming a team...stay tuned!

Beyond Our Doors

Cold Mountain Summer Music Series at Lake Logan: Didn't get your fill of great music, beautiful scenery, yummy food, cold drinks, and fantastic community at the Festival? Come on back for the Cold Mountain Music Series. Each week, we'll have one or two bands, one food truck, and one or two featured local breweries. The waterfront will be open and camping is available. Cost is \$15 per carload. Remaining dates are August 25th, September 8th, and September 22nd. Visit www.lakelogan.org/events for more information.

Gathering of the Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church, September 26th through 29th at Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville: You are invited to the 35th annual Gathering of the Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church. Our very own parishioner, Jack Geist, has had a hand in organizing this exciting event, and the Bishop of Western North Carolina José McLoughlin will speak. Learn more here: www.episcopalrecovery.org/event-2877436.

AwakeningSoul 2018 Retreat, November 8th through 11th at Lutheridge Conference Center in Asheville. This four-day retreat is a time away from the chaos of our everyday world to reflect on our faith journeys. It is a sacred space where one can work on one's soul, where in coming together we will all be affirmed that we do not journey alone. Costs begin at \$480. Register now at www.awakeningsoulpresents.org.

Gatherings this Week: August 13th – 18th, 2018

(* = open to all to attend)

- *Adult Education Meeting, Tuesday, 12 noon, 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 pm, Choir Room
- *Marthas Knitting Group, Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Marthas Room
- *Haywood Gleaners, Thursday, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, Library
- *Sisters of Grace, Thursday, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Location to be announced)
- *Friday Morning Prayer, 8:00 am, Panacea Coffee House
- ECW Meeting, Saturday, 9:30 – 11:00 am, Thatcher Hall
- *Sew Graceful, Saturday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Marthas Room

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The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev. Joslyn Ogden Schaefer, Rector

The Rev. Br. Raymond Escott, OSB, Deacon

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

Charles M. Banks, Director of Music

Dawna Keilman, Nursery Supervisor

Sarah Yeargin, Interim Parish Administrator

Members of the Vestry

Bill Collins, Sr. Warden (2018)

Vacant (2018)

Linda Sexton (2018)

Linda Deeb (2019)

Rob Viau (2019)

Paula Welling, Jr. Warden (2019)

Crystal Clary (2020)

Mary Hartman (2020)

Kenneth Ratcliffe (2020)

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