Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, Pennsylvania Christ is All and in All



The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 23, 2024

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Today's Readings

The Old Testament 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.

The New Testament 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.

The 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?"

Cover image: Jesus calm a storm at sea by Jerome Nadal (1507-1580)

	For those in need of our p	prayers
Steve	Gigi	Craig
Penny	Kristin	Frank
Beverly	Lisa	Liza
Rose Marie Innocent	Nick	Beth
Stacey	Polly	Barb
Joe	Sally	Seth
Beverly	Wyatt	Ellen
Barbara	Jim	Peter
Marjorie Harrison Thomas	Annie	Mary Ann
Jerry	Liz	Bob Kappenstein
Cindy	Denise	Connie
Stephanie	Terra	Kathy
Randall		

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Hear us today as we say, hear our prayer.

Strengthen Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our Bishop, Michael our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Church of England, St. Stephen's, Whitehall and all who serve in your Church, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**.

Give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honor one another, and seek the common good. Be with those who live in fear and danger, especially the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. Be with those celebrating this week: Connie Fegley, Abigail Tull, Frances Graeff, Danielle Wah, Genesis Rivera-Obando and Bryce Wandrey. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation. Bless those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and any we name now... Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, especially Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Roland and Mr. and Mrs. Solan Parkes; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Merciful Father,

All: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Christ Episcopal Church Reading, PA

8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.

The Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.
People: Christ, have mercy.
Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you: People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

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 loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 17: 32-49 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord: People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 (The psalm is read responsively by whole verse)

Oh, how good and pleasant it is,

when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron,

and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:

life for evermore.

The New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:

People: Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord:

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed 358

The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin)

Celebrant: Lord in your mercy, People: hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A, page 361)

The Sanctus 362

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The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread

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The Invitation to Communion and Communion

Everyone is invited to receive. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail. There will be two chalices for receiving: the first to drink from and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking).

The Post-Communion Prayers

The Celebrant first prays the following:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

8:00 AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Communion Assistant Chris Spohn

Lector and Intercessor Cynthia Pipkin Altar Guild June Tull (Captain), Pricilla Hirschenhofer, Andrea Griffith and Kim Alarcon

Usher Ellen Sunderman

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Prelude

Prairie Notre-Dame

Lon Bollmann

Processional Hymn 608 Eternal Father, strong to save

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

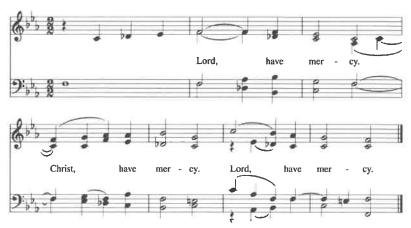
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity (said together)

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.

Kyrie

Kevin R. Hackett



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you: People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

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 loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 17: 32-49 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord: People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 11 Awake my soul (omit verse 4)

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:35-41 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel or our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

After the reading

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

Please be seated
The Homily
Please stand

The Nicene Creed 358

The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin)

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Confession of Sin 360

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People: And also with you.

Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem: I walk alone

Dale Wood

Jim Wilson, soloist I walk a stranger on this land and weary have I grown.

But with the setting sun there comes a peace that I have known;

For though I walk a narrow road I do not walk alone.

So many strangers pass my way; some speak, then disappear.

They walk in shadow toward the night in loneliness and fear.

The words of hope I longed to share were words they would not hear.

Regret and sorrow know this road. At times they walk along

To bring a tear into my eye and sadness to my song.

They say that what should be is not and that which is is wrong.

I do not walk a lonely road or take a lonely stand.

The steps I follow do not make impressions in the sand.

Yet in God's word I hear His voice, and know His guiding hand.

Presentation Hymn

Praise God from whom all blessings flow (Hymn 380, vs 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A page 361)

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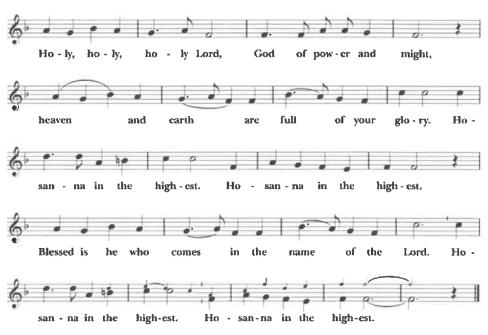
Celebrant: The Lord be with you:
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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The Sanctus Richard Proulx

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #125



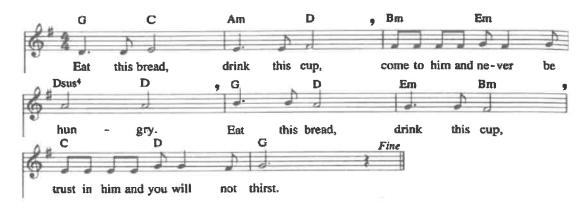
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The Lord's Prayer

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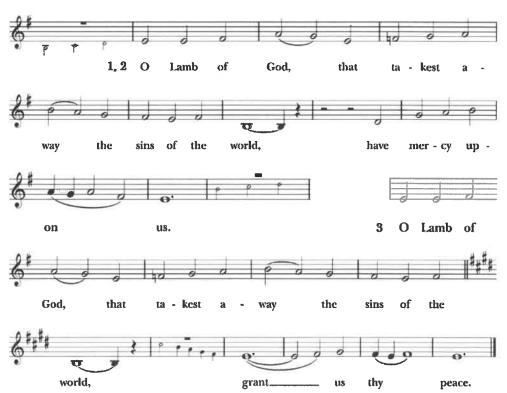
The Fraction Anthem



The Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

Healy Willan

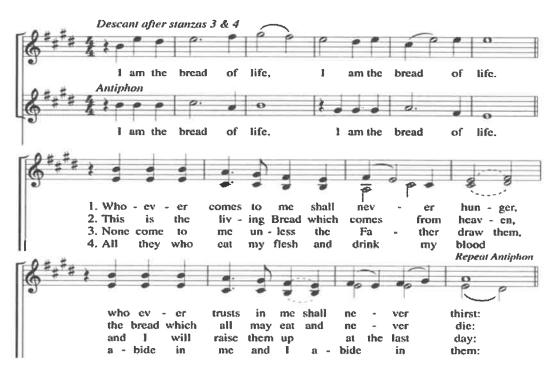


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The Communion Hymn I am the bread of life

Jack Warren Burnam



If Eucharistic visitors are being sent forth today to take the sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion:

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of

Christ's body and blood.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup, Amen.

The Post-Communion Prayers

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Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 410 Praise my soul the king of heaven

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Allegro (Concerto in A minor, after Vivaldi), BWV 593 J. S. Bach

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Verger Kathleen Harris-Brantman

> Gospel Book Bearer Andrea Griffith

Lector Victoria Wilson

> Intercessor Lor Lowden

Ushers
Larry Whalen, David Thun, Christine
Keeler and Walt Frankowski

Communion Assistants
Terry Rowles and Andrea Griffith

Crucifer Amelia Fanning

Acolytes
Caroline Wandrey and Emily Wandrey

Altar Guild
June Tull (Captain), Pricilla
Hirschenhofer, Andrea Griffith and Kim
Alarcon



Bookbag Drive August 2023 at Christ Church, Reading

Below is a checklist of items needed to complete a full backpack which we will bless on August 4th and then take to Mary's Shelter. You can team up with others to complete a backpack or go it alone! It's up to you.

1 backpack of any color
2 spiral notebooks
3 2-pocket folders
1 pack of index cards
1 box of crayons (pack of 16 or 24)
1 coloring book
1 pack of washable markers (pack of 8)
1 safety scissors
1 box of color pencils (10 in a box)
1 pack of mechanical pencils (10 or 12 in a
pack)
1 ruler
1 pack of erasers
1 glue stick
1 lunch box or an insulated lunch bag

Get on the Hogwarts Express this summer with our Vacation Bible School! From Monday, July 29th to Thursday, August 1st from 5:30 to 7:30PM we will be at Hogwarts and opening our Bibles to explore our faith through the exciting world of Harry Potter and related Bible Stories. More details to come!

On Sunday, August 18th at our 10AM service we will be blessing our children's bookbags for the new school year. This is a wonderful chance to send our children back to school with God's blessing and a Christ Church carabiner!

Join Education for Ministry (EfM) to:

- Deepen your Christian faith.
- Learn how to articulate that faith.
- Let that faith inspire you into action!

Through study, prayer, and reflection, trained mentors facilitate small group discussions and guide participants to examine life through an increasingly informed and inspired theological lens. More than Bible study, EfM participants read and discuss the Bible, Church history and theology. In person groups are forming around the Diocese and virtual options are available. If interested or for more information, email EfM Diocesan Coordinator Cathy Bailey (cathybaileynnp@gmail.com).

Bell Ringers

Library

Prayer Lists

Music

Parish Choir

Education Adult Forum

Pastoral Care

Cards and notes

Eucharistic Visitors

Children's Choir

Fall Festival of Arts

Children's Ministries **Education for Ministry**

Vestry	
Wayne Fanning (Senior Warden)	
Diane Morris (Junior Warden)	
Terry Rowles (Pastoral Care)	
Pam Wheat (Grants)	
Carolyn Handy (Stewardship)	
Michael West (Finances)	
Connie Fegley (Worship)	
Anita Powell (Hospitality)	
Kim Alarcon (Outreach)	
Mary Arguelles (Children/Youth)	
Chuck Brantman (Security/Property	

Guitar and Taizé Services

Healing Team

Centering Prayer

Kristallnacht Service

Morning Prayer

Our Ministries Fellowship Sunday Coffee Hour 50+ Club Acolytes Altar Guild Hospitality Committee **Eucharistic Ministers** Lectors and Intercessors Vergers

Ushers

Property Ministry Church Maintenance Days Stewardship Team Planned Giving Communications Capital Campaign

Security Taskforce

Outreach Opportunity House Rummage Mary's Shelter Narcotics Anonymous Literacy Council of Reading Berks **ESL Dinners** Daughters of the King Episcopal Church Women Helping Harvest Veterans Coalition of PA Angel Tree Berks Community Health Center Flower Delivery Pastoral Visits Berks Youth Chorus

Regular Christ Church Office hours:

Monday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM; Tuesday 8:00AM-12:30PM Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM The Christ Church Mission Sharing God's Love with All

Please visit us at www.rdgchristchurch.org. The Diocesan and church staff members are listed, as well as a calendar of events. You may use this website to send in prayer requests. You may also request to be added to the list for e-news and newsletters.

Altar Candle Memorials for June are given for Blessings Received by Susan Frankowski; Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare; Sherry Feick Chandler by David and Judy Feick.

Altar Flowers for today are to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Roland and Mr. and Mrs. Solan Parkes from the estates of Charles and Grace Parkes and In Celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary from James and Victoria Wilson.

Lectern Flowers for today are in Honor of the Wedding Anniversary of Anita Powell and Cliff Buckwalter



Did you forget your checkbook this morning? Have you been wanting to set up a pledge but keep forgetting? Life just got a whole lot easier: scan the QR code on your phone and it will take you directly to our giving homepage.

The **ECW Rummage** sale will be having their Bag sale in July. The dates are 3, 6, and 10. For \$5.00, you can fill a bag with clothes and shoes. What a deal! Come see our selection!

Kindly forward to Kim at officemgr@rdgchristchurch.com any names you would like to appear on the prayer list which will begin again in July.

We are continuing our six-week **Pilgrim Course today**. This is an innovative and inspiring program for people of all stages along the road of following Jesus. We will be exploring **The Lord's Prayer** by looking at each powerful line of this prayer. week by week. We meet in the Parlor from 9:05 to 9:45am .Please join us in this course for the Christian journey.

An informative primer about The Episcopal Church's upcoming General Convention was published online: https://www.episcopalchurch.org/development/a-general-convention-primer/

What is the General Convention?

The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church. Every three years it meets as a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops, composed of deputies and bishops from each diocese.

Why is this coming General Convention, the 81st, important?

This General Convention marks the conclusion of Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry's primacy and the election of his successor, the 28th presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church.

Who is going to be there?

The short answer is lots of people, just like you, lay and clergy, including deputies from each of our 110 dioceses in the United States and abroad, lay leadership and diocesan bishops, as well as members of the Episcopal Church Women, and other visitors.

Where is it going to be?

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY! The 81st General Convention will take place June 23 – 28, 2024, in Louisville, Kentucky, at the Kentucky International Convention Center.

When is it going to be? June 23 – 28, 2024

You can learn much more about the 81st General Convention on The Episcopal Church's website: https://generalconvention.org/gc81/

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, June 23—The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken) 9:05AM Adult Forum/Pilgrim course 10AM Holy Eucharist (sung) 11AM Fellowship Hour 4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, June 24 12PM—1PM NA meeting 5:30-6:30PM NA meeting

Tuesday, June 25 9AM Citizenship class 12PM—1PM NA meeting 12:30AM Centering Prayer

Wednesday, June 26 12PM Holy Eucharist 12PM—1PM NA Meeting 5:30-6:30PM NA Meeting

Thursday, June 27 9AM Citizenship Class 9:30AM Centering Prayer 11AM Morning Prayer at Red Bridge Park 12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Friday, June 28 12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, June 29 12PM—2PM NA Meeting Sunday, June 30—Independence Sunday 8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken) 9:05AM Adult Forum/Pilgrim course 10AM Holy Eucharist (sung) 11AM Fellowship Hour 4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

June 30 Independence Sunday

July 3, 6, and 10 ECW Rummage sale. Bag sake this month, all clothes and shoes, fill a bag for \$5.00

July 29 to August 1 VBS 5:30 to 7:30PM

August 4 Transfiguration Sunday and Mary's Shelter's Bookbag Drive

August 11 St. Mary, Mother of our Lord

August 18 Blessing of the Bookbags

September 1 Blessing of Football Teams

