

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 8, 2024

10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Before the service, speak to the Lord. (BCP Page 833)

During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

The Word of God

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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Donna Crane in memory of Rick Crane and in honor of their children, Erin and Benjamin.

We welcome all family and friends and invite you to join us in Denny Hall after the service for a time of fellowship.

OFFICIANT – The Rev. Gini DiStanislao
LAY READERS – David Denson & Katie Harrison
ALTAR GUILD – Stephany Breed, Janet Denson, Jean Hillsman, Lisa McCue, Kathy Watkins
MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST – Rita Busse Gulliksen
TELLER – Liz Lee
COFFEE HOUR – Ginger Marsh
NURSERY TEAM – Jenny Karluk & Marrica Hazelwood
USHER – Drew DiStanislao
VIDEO STREAMING TEAM – Gunnar Kohlbeck, Katie Harrison, Brent Deekens

When you pray, please remember the following church members:

Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Nancy & Tom Dawson, Janet Showalter, Lucy & John Goode, Wally Groom, Jay Fiedler, Larry Rock, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Birdie Lighthiser, Rita Gulliksen, Roy McLeod, Kay Hansell, Nancy Aasen and Carolyn & Don Hodgins.

When you pray, please remember the following family & friends:

Graham Lighthiser, Peggy Lighthiser, Eddie Oliver, Grady Hebert, Peggy Loeper, Dennis McArdle, Katie McFadden, Davis Spain, Glenn Webster, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Wendy (Marsh) Rush, Jan, Barbara Akers, Barry Akers, Don Akers, Polly Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Brian, Jacob, David, Connie Rosenbaum, Tammy Smiley, Barbara Anderson, Ann Smith, Laura, Chip, Mary Ann Harlan, Wesley Ball, Megan Loving, Lou Roeder and Dave Woods.

Happy Birthday to the following:

Susan Seaver	9/8	Marji Rawlings	9/11
Rhys Barta	9/9	Bill Deekens	9/12
Elisabet Goodwyn	9/9	Jack Edwards	9/12
Jean Hillsman	9/9	Will Moore	9/12
Marion Pace	9/9	Linda Doggett	9/13
Vivian Bagby	9/10		

Happy Anniversary to the following:

Jessi & Chris Briere	9/10	Judy & David Martin	9/13
CC & Will Moore	9/11		

Announcements

- ❖ **Sit, Stitch and Craft Night:** **Monday, September 9, at 5 PM.** Bring any type of needlework, drawing, beading or handcraft to enjoy while socializing. Participants are welcome to bring snacks to share but it is not essential. We welcome visitors too. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.
- ❖ **EfM** will meet **Monday, September 9, at 7 PM** in the Parlor.
- ❖ **No Tuesday Bible Study on September 10.** We will resume on **Tuesday, September 17.**
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study – Wednesday, September 11, at 9:15 AM:** Please join us for coffee, doughnuts and lively conversation. Each week we will look at the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. This study will be for all levels of learners. We hope that you will join us.
- ❖ **Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting: Saturday, September 14, at 8 AM** in Denny Hall. The meeting will be a discussion by Tom Hillsman and Gunnar Kohlbeck on the upcoming Annual Stew Sale on October 11 and 12. This is an important meeting to answer any questions concerning how orders for stew will be handled, the work involved (i.e., chopping, stirring, dipping and delivery to the church) as well as any other information the volunteers need to know. Please attend this informal breakfast meeting to discuss our great Brunswick Stew Event and enjoy our great breakfast!

- ❖ **Vestry Meeting – Sunday, September 15** immediately following fellowship time.
- ❖ **Choir Practice:** The **Chancel Choir (adults)** rehearsals are on **Thursdays, at 7:30 PM.** **We will not have practice Thursday, September 12.** Please consider joining the choir. We need singers! If you would like to join, contact Rita Gulliksen (804) 272-0505.
- ❖ **Sunday, September 22, at 9 AM – Family Forum – “Episcopal Trivia”** – In preparation of Bishop Haynes visit, come and brush up on your Episcopal Church knowledge. We will play a trivia game in teams that will help us remember important information about our church. The team with the highest score will receive a prize!
- ❖ **Sunday, September 22, at 11:30 AM – Middle and High School youth (EYC)** are invited with their parents to brainstorm activities for the upcoming year. We will meet in the Parlor following fellowship time.
- ❖ On **Wednesday, September 25, at 6:30 PM** in **St. Luke's Parish Hall**, join Jessica Brennan from the Virginia Department of Health and Robin Pentecost from the Community Service Board in a conversation on the growing burden of poor mental health and suicide in Powhatan County. We'll explore current data from Powhatan's ongoing Community Health Assessment, discuss the factors at the root of worsening mental health outcomes in the community, learn how to spot the signs of mental health distress in a loved one, and get resources for responding.
- ❖ **Shelter Feeding Program:** Our next Shelter Feeding Program will be on **Saturday, September 28, at 9 AM** in Denny Hall. Many hands make light work as we assemble 115 bag lunches to be delivered to four homeless shelters in Richmond. All are welcome to join us! There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in Denny Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Elisabet Goodwyn at 804-512-6339 or elisabet@agrotours.com.
- ❖ **Save the Date: Manakin Church Bazaar, Saturday, November 23, 9 AM – 3 PM in Denny Hall.** Looking for talented & crafty vendors, artisans, DIY, small businesses. No charge for tables or space but we are asking for 10% of proceeds to go to Outreach activities and projects. If you are interested, please call, text or email Ginger Marsh at gkm722@aol.com; 804-837-9381.
- ❖ **Backpacks Of Love:** We will be helping Backpacks of Love by collecting snacks such as individual bags of chips and Pop Tarts and proteins (pop-top cans of beefaroni/ravioli are especially welcome). Please place these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. **Join us on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month.** You can meet us at Manakin at **9 AM** or at the site at **9:30 AM**, 3035 Lower Hill Road, Powhatan. If you have any questions, contact Penny Sawyer at 804-794-5609.
- ❖ **Food Donations:** We continue to accept donations for the Powhatan Food Pantry. The collection bins are in the Denny Hall entrance. They appreciate all donations of nonperishable food items and current needs are grits (mainly instant), soups and also cat and dog food. If anyone has paper bags from grocery shopping, please add them to the bin. We would also appreciate drivers to deliver the food in the right bin to The Pantry on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays between 9-12 AM. Please send Betsy an email if you can assist with this. Betsy.moore5@icloud.com Thank you for all your help.

❖ **Powhatan Animal Shelter** gladly accepts donations of dog food (wet/dry Pedigree or Purina Adult & puppy), laundry items (detergent/softener/dryer sheets/bleach), towels, blankets, toys (such as “Kongs”), treats, medium collars, harnesses, leashes and peanut butter. Please put these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. You can also support them with a monetary donation to their medical fund at Claws and Paws by phone at 804-598-8030 or send your donation to Claws and Paws with the note “Powhatan Animal Control Medical Fund” to 4313 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, VA 23139. Thank you!

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Receiving Holy Communion

The Holy Eucharist is the sacrament commanded by Christ for the continual remembrance of his life, death, and resurrection, until his coming again. (BCP p. 859) We are eager to share this remembrance with you. God welcomes you to receive His body and blood for forgiveness of our sins, and to be strengthened in our relationship with Christ and one another.

- † At the appropriate time, people in your pew will come forward to the altar railing. We will begin on the left side facing the altar with the first pew. Please proceed forward on the right side of the aisle, returning on the left side.
- † Please fill the altar railing in from the right side to the left.
- † Once you have arrived at the altar, you may stand or kneel to receive. Both hands, with one hand supporting the other are put forth.
- † The sacramental bread (wafer) will be placed in your hands with words such as “The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.” A response is not necessary, but some may say “Amen”.
- † The chalice will be offered to those who have consumed the bread. Please help the Chalicist by placing your hand on the base of the cup to take a sip of the wine.
- † If you wish to intinct the bread, please hold it up and the Chalicist will pass you and a bowl for intinction will be offered. Please do not intinct in the common chalice from which others drink.
- † After you have received, it is customary to wait until the person next to you has received before returning to your seat. You do not need to wait for all at the railing to receive before returning.
- † When you return to your seat, you may kneel or sit in prayer and reflection of the wonderful gift that you have just received. Please join in singing of the communion hymns.

If for any reason you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. At the altar railing cross your arms over your chest signifying that you are there to receive a blessing only.

The Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

The Psalm

Psalm 125

Qui confidunt

- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the LORD stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

The Epistle: James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have

dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Processional Hymn #47 - On This Day The First Of Days

1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,
2 On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;
3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;
5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;

1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.
2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.
3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.
4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.
5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,
dwell within my heart alone;
thou dost give thyself to me:
help me give myself to thee.

Sequence Hymn #371 – Thou, Whose Almighty Word

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Communion Hymn #602 – Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love

Chorus
 Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
 us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Chorus
 feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love. All are neigh - bors to us and you.
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

Communion Hymn #314 - Humbly I Adore Thee

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,

who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:

lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,

tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Closing Hymn #493 – For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
 be now and ever given
 by saints below and saints above,
 the Church in earth and heaven.