

Announcements

Sewing Bags for Haiti Families

Would you like to participate in the 2018 Haiti Mission but are not able to travel to Haiti? We are looking for people to sew bags and others to donate material for making the bags. Yard goods with colorful prints, plaids, or graphic designs are especially appropriate. A supply of fabric and sample sewing directions are available at the bottom of the stairs outside the Suter Room. To participate in the bag project, either as a sewer or a fabric donor, contact Jan Conrod at 617.489.1247.

Remember the Shopping Cart

Hunger does not take a vacation

The demand at food pantries increases now that breakfasts and lunches are not available to children and families through the schools. When you are shopping, please remember to add a few items for the food pantry shopping cart that is found at the entrance to the Church. Every other week these donations are taken to either the Council of Social Concern or St. Luke's food pantry. Most needed items include: canned fruit, juice boxes, cereal, condiments, pasta & sauce, peanut butter & jelly, soup, rice, spaghetti, stew, snacks (cookies, crackers), and tuna.

Our Parish Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers: *Tyler Emerson*, Will and Susan Becker's son; *Jeffrey Hill*, Allen and Johanna Hill's son; *June Leavitt*, Dianne Brooks' mother; *Elijah Peterman*, Cindy Helwig's nephew; and parishioner *Lis DeAssis*.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the Altar this morning are given in memory of Lucy Cavanaugh. The flowers were arranged by Brenda Cook.

Ministers in Today's Worship

Preacher, *Brett Johnson*; Presider, *Miriam Gelfer*; Assisting Priest, *Ran Chase*; Verger, *Rich Goldhor*; Lay Eucharistic Ministers, *Bill Pelosky*, *Susan Haskell*, and *Carol Kellogg*; Acolytes, *Noah Sullivan*, *Liam Aldrich*, and *Jessie Miller*; Lectors, *Liz Fries* and *Ruba Gnanarathnam*; Ushers, *Laura Dike*, *Arthur Waltman*, *Michael Coltman*, and *Will Aldrich*; Greeters, *Joan Hodges* and *John Snow*; Altar Guild, *Gabrielle Stott*; Flower Deliverers, *Ann McGovern* and *Susan Malloy*; Fellowship Hosts, *Matt and Kathy Hodges*.

Calendar

Sunday, 30 July		
8:00am	Holy Eucharist	
8:45am	Fellowship	
9:00am	Choir Rehearsal	
10:00am	Holy Eucharist	
10:00am	Children's Worship	
11:15am	Fellowship	
Monday, 31 July		
6:00 & 7:30pm	AA	
Tuesday, 1 August		
6:00pm	Pray the Parish Prayer List	
Sunday, 6 August		
8:00am	Holy Eucharist	
8:45am	Fellowship	
9:00am	Choir Rehearsal	
10:00am	Holy Eucharist	
10:00am	Children's Worship	
11:15am	Fellowship	



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The Hymns, Collect, Readings, and Announcements

30 July 2017 at ten o'clock in the morning
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Voluntary *I Love Thee, My Lord*

George Shearing

The Hymn in Procession

O Worship the King

The Hymnal, 388

Hanover

The Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

The First Lesson

Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We say in unison this

Psalm 128

Happy are they all who fear the LORD, *
and who follow in his ways!
You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, *
your children like olive shoots round about your table.
The man who fears the LORD *
shall thus indeed be blessed.
The LORD bless you from Zion, *
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
May you live to see your children's children; *
may peace be upon Israel.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Hymn before the Gospel

If thou but trust in god to guide thee

The Hymnal, 635
Wer nur den lieben Gott

The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Brett Johnson

Offertory Anthem *I will sing of Thy Great Mercies*

Felix Mendelssohn

Communion Hymn

O Food to pilgrims given

The Hymnal, 309
O Welt ich muss dich lassen

Hymn in Procession

Be thou my vision

The Hymnal, 488
Slane

Voluntary *Tuba Tune in D Major*

C. S. Lang