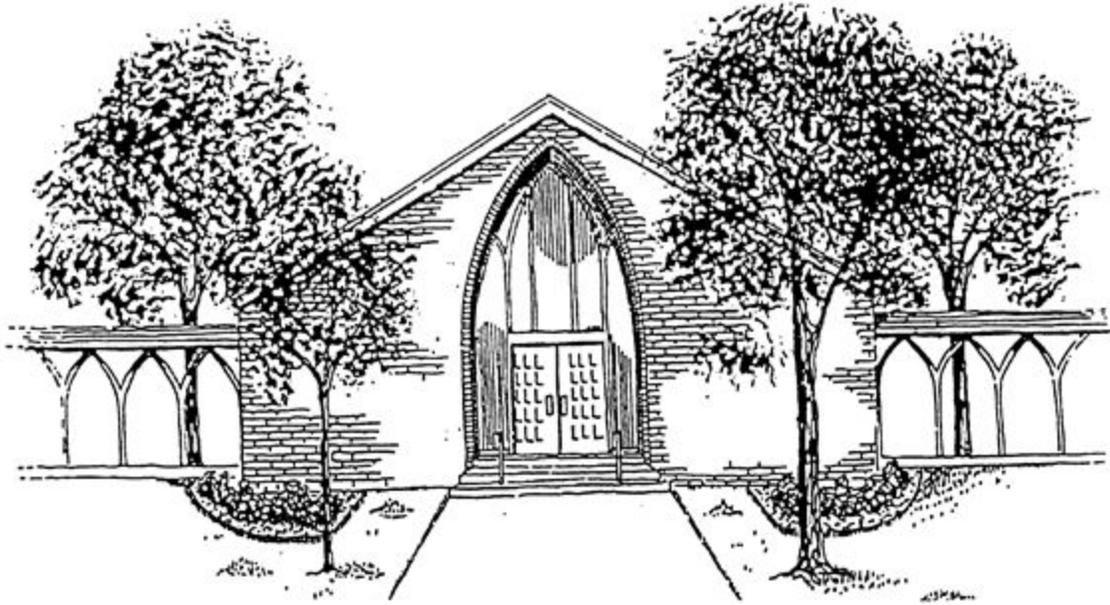


***St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church***  
***The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost***



**Saturday, July 18, 2020**

**5:30 P.M. - Evening Prayer - Rite Two**

Thank YOU for worshipping with us today.

We welcome the participation of children in our worship.

Please sign our guest registry.

**Child Care area is in the back of the Nave**

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## Daily Evening Prayer - Rite Two

*The Officiant*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

*Habakkuk 2:20*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant alone stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Invitatory and Psalter** *All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **O Gracious Light** *Phos Hilaron*

**O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

**Let Us Pray Together**

**Psalm 86:11-17**

- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and I will walk in your truth; \*  
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.**
- 12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, \*  
and glorify your Name for evermore.**
- 13 For great is your love toward me; \*  
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.**
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent men seeks my life; \*  
they have not set you before their eyes.**
- 15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.**
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.**
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Lessons**

A Reading from Isaiah. (please sit)

**Isaiah 44:6-8**

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

A Reading from Romans.

### **Romans 8:12-25**

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel:**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went

away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily: Fr. Michael Briggs**

**The Song of Mary** *Magnificat Luke 1:46-55*

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power  
of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the  
third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in  
the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers**            *The People stand or kneel.*

*Officiant*                The Lord be with you.

*People*                    **And also with you.**

*Officiant*                Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive  
those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People:** (please kneel, sit or stand)

We lift our prayers to God, who knows our necessities before we ask and rejoices in our asking, as we respond, "Hear us, good Lord."

That judges, attorneys, and juries may be fair and just in their dealings with those who come before them, relying on the law and legal precedence, and weighing their decisions with compassion and forbearance;    *Silence*  
let us pray.                    **Hear us, good Lord.**

That the Church may welcome young adults into its life, inviting them into positions of responsibility and leadership, listening to their ideas, and joining with them in building for the future;    *Silence*  
let us pray.                    **Hear us, good Lord.**

That God's will may break through the hardened surfaces of those who release their despair through violence, abuse, gang membership, vengeful societies, and terrorist organizations, so that they may be changed into the architects of a peaceful and prosperous world; *Silence*  
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

That the hope of the poor be not in vain, and those with a troubled spirit be not forgotten, but assisted through the generosity of those whose hearts are fertile soil in which the ministry Christ bears much fruit; *Silence*  
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Touch with your healing grace all who are sick, anxious, or fearful, as we pray especially for John, Theresa, Tim, Elvin, Jeannie, Debbie, Tom, Whitney, Ramona, Bob, Mark, Jane, Mary, Sherry, all teachers, students and parents, all sick with COVID-19 and their families, all First Responders, Healthcare Workers and those serving the public; *Silence*  
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

That the leaders of the nations may usher in the peace of God's reign; *Silence*  
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

That all who have returned to the dust may be raised to the glory of everlasting life; *Silence*  
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord; *Silence*  
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, especially, Mark, Donna and Bill, surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord; *Silence*  
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

In the light that knows no setting of the sun, let us continue our prayers.

### **Concluding Collect (together)**

**Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

#### **Let us pray**

*The Collect of the Day*

**Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The General Thanksgiving*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*The Officiant*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God**

## **Announcements:**

- Birthdays: Eric Newell (July 23); Ed Lovelace (July 24).  
Anniversary: Chris and Shani Allen (July 25)
- Unfortunately, our Community Celebration will not happen in the way we have done it in the past. This year I would like to ask everyone to bring School Supplies to Celebrate Our Community in Action.

Go to any place that sells School Supplies and see if there is a list of the needs, if not just buy stuff you know your kids, grandkids, or great grandkids need for school. If you don't have any idea, then buy lots of "spiral notebooks (wide ruled)", 3-ringed binders, loose leaf paper, highlighters, pencils, pens, Post-it's, 2 pocket folders (plastic lasts longer), colored pencils, small bottles of sanitizer (if you can find it), masks or ask a neighbor or a teacher what to buy. We will begin collecting them immediately and we hope we can deliver them, either to schools or maybe have a give away here or at St. Augustine Episcopal Church. The more we gather, the more we can help.

Please start buying things immediately. They can be brought to the church Monday through Friday from 9 until 1 and Saturday from 4 until 6 or Sunday from 9 until 11. I will have a plastic bin outside of the doors that lead to the office and chapel. This way you do not have to come in contact with anyone, just drop it off and go. We will bring it in at the end of each period.

Thank You and please know that this will help those in our community.

Fr. Michael

- To get notified of new videos and when we go live, click over to the church YouTube Channel and make sure to subscribe so you don't miss anything; <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCNGrepZQ-z3qw9Ha-eMrlMg>. If you have any questions, talk to Fr. Michael or Will Leeper.
- Lord's Prayer online: Monday, July 20 - Thursday, July 23 at 9:00 a.m.
- **Vestry Members:**
  - Donna Goldstein-Senior Warden; Steven Hill-Junior Warden; Caroline Cross-Secretary; Chris Allen; Cindy Cunningham; Michael Morton; Silvia Balsara; Jo Carson; Rebecca Ward.

- **Remember to keep the Prayers of the People updated.** These are the people presently on our prayer list: Carol (Eden); children and staff at the El Hogar Orphanage in Guatemala; Jeannie (McCabe); Ervin (Selbach); Julie (Speer); Chase (Negley); Liam (Joy); Earl (Terry); Peter and Suzanne (Jones); Linda (Lambertson); Jim and Barbara (Lambertson); Mike and Marie; Hazel, Jim; Dickie (Foster); Doug (Neely); Myra (Dyer); Sylvia (Burks); Claire (Person); Amber (Johnson); Morgan; Kay (Lyon); Halox (Hern); Jim (Cearley); Janean (Saunders); John (Weber); Martha (Boyd); Monti (Putnam); Teresa (Zolnik); Tim (Hess); Elvin (Frick); Debbie (Whittington); Tom (Harper); Whitney (Graye); Ramona (Roberts); Bob (Dornburg); Mark, Jane and Mary (Huskison); Sherry (Coleman); all teachers, students and parents; all sick with COVID-19 and their families; all First Responders, Healthcare Workers; and those serving the public.
- Fr. Michael's cell number is 901.461.8380. Please call him anytime between 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., or the office at 479.783.2101 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If it is an emergency, please do not hesitate to call anytime.

### **The Week of July 19 through July 26**

#### **Sunday, July 19**

10:30 A.M. Morning Prayer on Facebook Live - Stevi

#### **Monday, July 20**

9:00 A.M. Prayer on Facebook Live

#### **Tuesday, July 21**

9:00 A.M. Prayer on Facebook Live

#### **Wednesday, July 22**

9:00 A.M. Prayer on Facebook Live

10:30 A.M. Sack Lunch

#### **Thursday, July 23**

9:00 A.M. Prayer on Facebook Live

#### **Friday, July 24**

7:00 P.M. AA/Al-Anon

#### **Saturday, July 25**

5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer on Facebook Live - Silvia

#### **Sunday, July 26**

10:30 A.M. Morning Prayer on Facebook Live - Lucy