



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2024

8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

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O Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1–13 The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1056

Commentary: Paul reminded the Corinthians of his conduct and experiences as God's ambassador and he urged his readers to respond to God's reconciling grace. Paul commended and defended his own ministry to prove he had not received God's grace in vain. Through trials, God had produced positive character traits in Paul. Human reactions to Paul's ministry varied greatly but he continued to persevere in his work. On the basis of Paul's openness with the Corinthians, he appealed to the Corinthians to open their hearts to God.

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 Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

read responsively by whole verse

Ecce, quam bonum!

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

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

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

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

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Communion of the People *Gluten-free wafers available upon request*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving *in unison*

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 410

“Praise my soul, the King of heaven”

Lauda anima



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwel - lers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the e - ver - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

The Dismissal

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JUNE 24-28

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom
- SJDS SUMMER CAMP #2
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM | St. James Day School

MONDAY, JUNE 25

- FELLOWSHIP A.A.
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

- MEN ON A MISSION SERVE AT SGT.
ASHLEY VETERANS' CENTER
5:00 - 7:00 PM | Sgt. Ashley Center

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

- MEALS ON WHEELS
7:30 AM - 12:00 PM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
9:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- LEMONADE AT MT. LEBANON
10:15 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY BAPTISM
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream
- BREAD BREAKERS: SHARKS' GAME
5:00 PM | Legion Stadium | RSVP by 6.26



St. James, Downtown

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Director of Music: John Sullivan*

Mt. Lebanon Chapel

*Celebrant: The Reverend Beth Lilly
Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Music: Zach Bugg*

St. Mary's, Burgaw

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Bill Milholland

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Lu and Mary Oakley, Joe and Mary Peck, Mary Jo Oakley*

TODAY AT ST. JAMES

PARISH MEET AND GREET

Sunday, June 23 | 10:30 a.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

The St. James Evangelism Commission will be hosting the Parish Meet & Greet on June 23rd! Following the 9:30 a.m. service, we'll gather at Mt. Lebanon Chapel for a time of fellowship. Come ready to welcome one another and build relationships with newcomers to our church family.

EFWM BACKPACK DRIVE DEADLINE

Deadline Sunday, June 23

The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry Backpack Drive is back! This year, they're hoping to collect filled backpacks for over 400 children and teens who will be in need of school supplies this fall. St. James has committed to providing backpacks for almost 60 Pre-K & Kindergarten students. Thank you again to the 50+ families who have committed to donating backpacks filled with school supplies for students in need. Please bring all filled backpacks to the with you on Sunday Morning! Have questions about ways you can support the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry Back to School Drive? Reach out to communications@stjamesp.org to get connected!

LEMONADE AT MT. LEBANON

Through September 1st

As we get ready to open Mt. Lebanon Chapel for the summer, you're invited to share in the ministry of cookies and lemonade! Each Sunday while we worship at Mt. Lebanon Chapel, we're looking for parishioners to sign up to provide and serve lemonade and cookies following the 9:30 a.m. service. Contact Communications@stjamesp.org if you are interested in learning more. If you are interested in providing supplies or serving, please visit our website to sign up!

LET US KNOW!

Life is full of changes! We want to help support you through the bad and the good. If you, or a loved one would like a pastoral care visit or to request prayer, please make sure to reach out to our church office or our clergy. We want to know how we can be there for you. The parish office number is 910-763-1628. Similarly, if you've experienced a job change and have a new preferred email, or maybe you've moved and have a new mailing address, please make sure to let us know. Please reach out to communications@stjamesp.org to update your contact information.

MEN ON A MISSION

The St. James Men on a Mission continues to serve dinner at Good Shepherd on the *first and third Tuesdays* of the month (4:30-7:00 pm), as well as at the Sgt Ashley Center (5:00-7:00 pm) for homeless veterans on the *fourth Thursday* of each month. If you are interested in signing up to serve, please reach out to Brian McMerty at bmcmerly@arris.partners.

WILMINGTON SHARKS GAME

Sunday, June 30 | 5:00 p.m. | Legion Stadium

On June 30th, the St. James Bread Breakers will be gathering together for the Wilmington Sharks Baseball Game. The game starts at 5:00 p.m. Please use the link online sign up for tickets. Anyone 4 or older will need a ticket to the game. Kevin and Taber Tornes are hosting this special gathering and will cover up to 50 tickets for the Breadbreakers, so sign up early if you want tickets for your family!

MEALS ON WHEELS

Sunday, June 30

St. James is once again responsible for the delivery of Meals on Wheels on Sunday, June 30th and we need volunteers! Anyone willing to drive, cook, and/or bring two dozen rolls is greatly appreciated. We are responsible for preparing, packaging, and delivering meals to approximately 180 grateful Meals on Wheels recipients, who are elderly or disabled shut-ins, many of whom have little to no social interaction or hot meals other than Meals on Wheels. If you are willing and able to participate, especially drivers, please contact nlbplus21@gmail.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!

August 5th - 8th | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

VBS returns August 5th - 8th. Registration for Start the Party is NOW OPEN and we have a few spaces remaining. Make plans to join us as we celebrate the Good News at VBS: Start the Party!

Register online at: stjamesp.org/vbs24/

Want to get involved? As we begin to dive into planning for another wonderful VBS, we're calling on our parish family to help us make it happen. There lots of ways to get involved! We have opportunities for all ages and abilities. To volunteer now, please email Ansley at christianformation@stjamesp.org.

ST. JAMES COOKBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

Spiral-bound versions of "Before We Say Grace" are now available in the Parish Office for \$35. Proceeds from the cookbook's sale will go to support the St. James Episcopal Church Women and other outreach projects. Please reach out communications@stjamesp.org.

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