

# The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 24th at 10 a.m.

St. Anselm's Episcopal Church

Lafayette, California



*Welcome to St. Anselm's!*

*Whether this is your first time visiting or you worship with us every week, **please know you are warmly welcome.** Restrooms are located next door in the Parish Hall. Children are a blessing and encouraged to participate in worship alongside their parents. On the left of the sanctuary is an area with toys, coloring sheets, and crayons. Feel free to enjoy the playground as well. Please accompany your child.*

***The people's responses are in bold. All hymns can be found in the Blue Hymnal.***

*This type of note, offering direction about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrics (red) - referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.*

*When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.*

## PRELUDE

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

*The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*We begin our worship as a gathered community for praising God in song. Sung by all.*

**H# 493 "O for a thousand tongues to sing"**

**Presider** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People** Glory to God for ever and ever.

## S #280 "Gloria in Excelsis"

*The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord  
God, heaven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther:  
re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the  
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly  
Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider*

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

*The People sit for the readings.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

*This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted:*

**Isaiah 58:9b-14**

*Lector* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s *people*.

***People:*** ***Thanks be to God.***

### Psalm 103:1-8

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.  
3 He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;  
4 He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;  
5 He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.  
6 The Lord executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.  
7 He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.  
8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

## THE SECOND LESSON

*This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.*

### Hebrews 12:18-29

*Lector*        A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's *people*.

***People:*        Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence follows.*

*The people stand as able for the introduction of the hymn.*

## **GOSPEL HYMN**

*The Gospel hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word – the reading of The Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news” – specifically the “good news of Jesus.”*

**H# 508 "Breathe on me, breath of God"**

## **GOSPEL OF THE DAY**

*This reading is taken from the four Gospels (Mathew, Mark, Luke and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' word and actions.*

**Luke 13:10-17**

*Gospeler*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*         ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

*The people are seated at the invitation of the Presider.*

## **THE SERMON**

*The Rev. Will Scott*

*The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the spiritual readings and relates them to daily life. A period of silence follows the Sermon.*

*The people stand as able.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe”. First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.*

*Leader:* Let us affirm our faith by saying together:

*We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.*  
*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father.*  
*Through him all things were made.*  
*For us and for our salvation*  
*he came down from heaven:*  
*by the power of the Holy Spirit*  
*he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,*  
*and was made human.*  
*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;*  
*he suffered death and was buried.*  
*On the third day he rose again*  
*in accordance with the Scriptures;*  
*he ascended into heaven*  
*and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*  
*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,*  
*and his kingdom will have no end.*  
*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,*  
*who proceeds from the Father and the Son.*  
*With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.*  
*He has spoken through the Prophets.*  
*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*  
*We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*  
*We look for the resurrection of the dead,*  
*and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.*

*Silence*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Leader*     Holy One, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People*     *That we all may be one.*

*Leader* In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Province of South East Asia. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for [St. Bartholomew's, Livermore](#), whose feast day is Saint Bartholomew the Apostle (August 24) and St. Augustine's, Oakland whose feast day is Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (August 28). In the St. Anselm's Cycle of Prayer we pray for our Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Austin, our Bishop; for Will our Rector and for Naomi our Deacon.

*People* ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

*People* ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest.

*People* ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Leader* I invite those who are with us via Zoom to offer their prayers, either silently or aloud. When you have concluded, please say **"In Your Mercy"** to which the congregation is invited to respond **"Hear Our Prayer."**

*When they are finished:*

*Leader* I invite those who are present to offer their prayers, either silently or aloud. When you have concluded, please say **"In Your Mercy"** to which the congregation is invited to respond **"Hear Our Prayer."**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION**

*Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution), and showing sign of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

*Leader* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

***All***

***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***

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

## **THE PEACE**

*Presider* The peace of the Christ be always with you.  
***People*** ***And also with you.***

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*At this time, the deacon, presider and parish leaders may make announcements.*

## **PRAYERS FOR THE INDIVIDUALS**

Janet Nadel, Sylvia Williams

**PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS:** *O Lord, watch over your children as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** *O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true Godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**PRAYER FOR TRAVELERS:** *O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, 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. Amen.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

*Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.*

*An offering is received to support the church's ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or online at: <https://stanselms.us/give>*

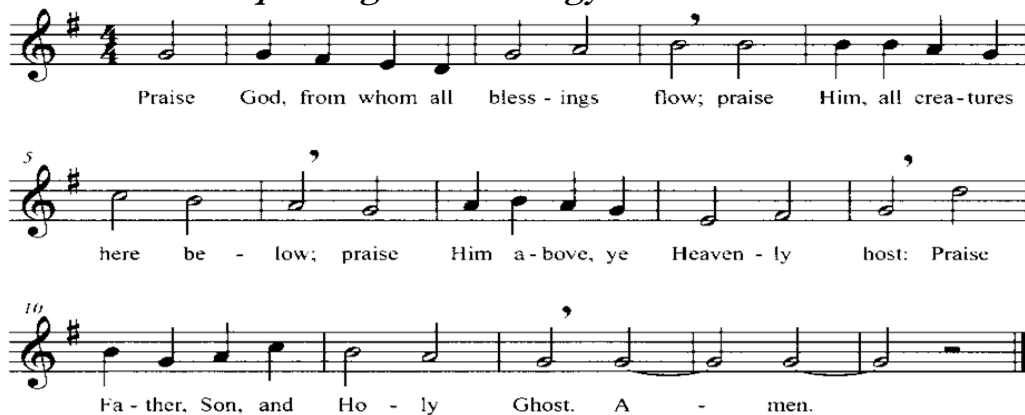
### OFFERTORY HYMN

H#671 "Amazing grace!"

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."*

#### *Presider and People sing the Doxology*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea - tures

5 here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye Heaven - ly host: Praise

10 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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#### *Presider and People*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***



### *Presider*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

### *Presider and People*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some phrases repeated. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

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### *The Presider continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ  
given for the world you have made.  
In the fullness of time bring us, with St Anselm and all your saints, from every tribe and  
language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the  
world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be  
honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

*The people remain standing.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we  
receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.*

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

***Presider and People***

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.***

***Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.***

***Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.***

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Presider breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

***People*** ***Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in the one  
bread.***

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

*The people are seated.*

***All are invited to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.***

*Please proceed to the altar rail, depart your pew from the right, as directed by the ushers. Please return to your pew from the left.*

*At St Anselm's we are sharing a common cup. If you wish grape juice, please tell the assistant.*

*Gluten free wafers are available. Please assist us by placing your right hand on your chest so that you may be served accordingly. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, but would like a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.*

*If you are unable to approach the altar rail, please stand in place and the table ministers will bring Communion to you.*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*The people stand as able.*

*Presider*      Let us pray.

### ***Presider and People***

***God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen***

## **THE BLESSING**

*The Presider blesses the people, and the people respond, **Amen.***

*Presider*

The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

*(source: Enriching Our Worship, Celtic)*

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**H#625 "Ye holy angels bright"**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*      ***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

## **POSTLUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: Communication Commission**

**TODAY's ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by Janice Carrigan in honor of Carol, Pat and Dana.

### **FIRST SUNDAY ALL AGES SERVICE**

Beginning on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, St. Anselm's weekly 10a.m. service will take on a different feel as we seek to be an even more warm and welcoming space for children of all ages. Each month, First Sundays will include: playful and energetic music, interactive story time in place of sermon, a craft and other activities connected with the lesson, and yummy snack & bouncy house after service.

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals/Stuffed Animals

**Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** All Saints Day/wear your Halloween costume to church

**Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>** St. Nicholas Day with special guest & treats

Got questions or want to volunteer? Email [rector@stanselms.us](mailto:rector@stanselms.us)

### **NEW CHOIR MICROPHONES**

Our new and expanded choir will soon return to the Sunday services. To ensure that both our in-person and online audiences can better hear and enjoy the choir, St Anselm's would like to add two professional grade, directional microphones. Unfortunately, the \$700 cost for this is not included in our current budget. Therefore, we are seeking donations from the congregation. If you would like to help, please drop your check in the collection plate (or mail it to St. Anselm's) with the notation "choir microphone" in the memo line.

### **AUGUST OUTREACH – LAMORINDA CARE COLLECTIVE**

It's Back to School time! For many families, this is a time of stress trying to figure out how to purchase what their child needs to do their best in school. We are teaming up with Maya & Beth from Lamorinda Care Collective to collect new backpacks for students. These are often the most expensive item on supply lists. Please consider purchasing one (or more) backpacks by August 24. Please make sure they are the larger student size (not preschool) and not with wheels. Thank you for your generosity!

### **MICHAEL LANE PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER AT HEADLANDS BREWING**

Every bite and sip helps support Michael Lane Preschool, bringing the community together for an evening of fun and good brews. Join us on September 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 3420 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Suite A, Lafayette.

### **"TOGETHER WE SHINE" RUMMAGE SALE**

There is still time to go through closets, drawers and cupboards to find unwanted items that can be donated to the Rummage Sale, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Deadline is Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>. Your donations can now be stored at the church. Please bring them on Sunday mornings and

we'll help you unload items from your car into the room next to Will's office after church service. If you would prefer to bring them during the week, please call the office to make sure someone will be there to open the door and help. Please do not leave any donations outside the office door. Sorting and pricing will begin Sept 24th.

We plan to start advertising throughout the County mid August. We'll have [flyers](#) available and ask each person to help spread the word by putting them up on bulletin boards in Libraries, Rec Centers, Senior Residences and local coffee shops where you live.

Thank you to those who have agreed to staff all 9 tables at the sale. Thank you to everyone who plans to donate items for all categories: Men's Clothing, Women's & Children's Clothing, Gardening Tools, plants & accessories, Camping equipment, Sporting equipment, Household tools & gadgets, Jewelry, Books, Pet supplies, Luggage, Lamps, Costumes, Halloween & Christmas decorations, Arts & Craft supplies.

If donating iPads, computers & electronics that need minor repairs, please take them to Alan Swimmer at 1280 Boulevard Way, in W.C. He has offered to repair and display them on his "Electronics" table at the sale. For questions, you can reach him at 925-216-9890.

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## **WINTER NIGHTS**

We are so excited to welcome our friends for Winter Nights 2025! This service can only be successful with YOUR help! We need people to host breakfast, prepare & serve dinner, be Ambassadors (a friendly face), and help set up & break down the tents and other equipment. If you have the time and the heart to do it, we'd love to have your help. Winter Nights set up starts Monday, September 29 and goes through Monday, October 13. This year we are teaming up for dinners! Get a group together and prepare a meal for our guests! This is such an important part of God's work. We hope to see you there! Please sign up at [St. Anselms: Winter Nights 9/29-10/13](#) or email me at: [jonipearce@me.com](mailto:jonipearce@me.com) for any questions.

## **INDIA PILGRIMAGE**

Rev. Koshy Mathews is excited to announce that he and the Rev. Troy Mendez of the Episcopal Evangelism Society will be co-leading a pilgrimage to India this Fall! Our group will depart from New York on November 7 for an 18-day/16-night journey through some of the most historic and holy sites in India. We will return on November 24, just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

One of the highlights of this trip is tracing the footsteps of the Apostle Thomas in Southern India, who preached the gospel and established churches as early as AD 52 along the Malabar Sea Coast of Kerala. Please refer to [THIS BROCHURE](#) for the detailed itinerary, travel information, and cost. There are only a few seats left, so don't miss this opportunity! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rev. Koshy at 484-557-4559 or email him at [Koshy.mathews@gmail.com](mailto:Koshy.mathews@gmail.com).

### **CANTERBURY TALES DEADLINE**

Today, August 24th is the deadline to submit articles for the September issue of Canterbury Tales. Please email and announcements or articles to [margaret.w@stanselms.us](mailto:margaret.w@stanselms.us).

### **ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS**

Each week the altar is graced with a beautiful flower arrangement that is donated by our generous parishioners. Altar flower donations can be dedicated to the memory of a loved one, in honor of a family member or simply to the glory of God. The requested donation is \$50 per date. Please sign-up for your selected date and complete a green dedication card. The flower chart and dedication cards can be found next to the east entrance to the church. Please make your check payable to "St. Anselm's" and indicate "Altar Guild" on the memo line. You can submit the check and dedication card to the church office or put them in the collection plate. Thank you for your support!

### **COUNTERS NEEDED**

Each week there is a team of two people, one Vestry member and one congregation member who will take responsibility for counting and recording cash and checks on a written counter form and preparing the deposit. Each vestry member is required to be a counter as a part of their commitment to the vestry. We have a few dedicated parishioners who have stepped up to fill the congregation member role. However, we don't have people signed up to perform this important role for the church. Please contact Peg Matson for more information and/or to volunteer at [plmatson@comcast.net](mailto:plmatson@comcast.net) or #925-381-1074.

### **COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED**

Everyone is invited to enjoy conversation and refreshments in Jackson Hall, immediately following the service. We are in need of volunteers to host coffee hour. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044BADA722A2F85-coffee> or contact Sylvia Williams at 925-586-0730 to reserve a date. Thank you!

### **ST. ANSELM'S PRAYER CHAIN**

The St. Anselm's Prayer Chain is a list of our parishioners and loved ones for whom prayers have been requested. Prayer is voluntary and on your own whenever you wish to pray. If you would like to receive the Prayer Chain or if you would like to add someone to the Prayer Chain, please email Vicki at [vrpappas@gmail.com](mailto:vrpappas@gmail.com).

## **FRAUD ALERT**

Please be aware that fake emails and texts from members of the congregation are being sent out asking for unspecified help: I need a favor from you, please text/email me back as soon as possible. Please be careful and verify email addresses and phone numbers that you receive before responding to requests.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For personal inquiries, please contact Rector Will Scott: [rector@stanselms.us](mailto:rector@stanselms.us).

For questions, please contact Office Manager Margaret Wolfe: [margaret.w@stanselms.us](mailto:margaret.w@stanselms.us). Please submit announcements by noon on Wednesday. Summer office hours: Wednesdays & Fridays 9am – noon, or by appointment.

For bookkeeping questions, please contact Bookkeeper Steve Zimmerman: [bookkeeper@stanselms.us](mailto:bookkeeper@stanselms.us).

For choir questions, please contact Director of Music Chris Kula: [choir@stanselms.music](mailto:choir@stanselms.music).

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**Jeremiah 2:4-13, Psalm 81:1, 10-16, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 and Luke 14:1, 7-14**

To receive the readings on a weekly basis, please email [parish@stanselms.us](mailto:parish@stanselms.us).

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: August 24 - 30**

Janet Nadol  
Sylvia Willaims

## **COMING UP AT ST. ANSELM'S**

### **Ministry of the Month: Communication Commission**

**Sunday, August 24th — Stewardship Committee** at 11:30a.m. in the conference room.

**Tuesday, August 26h — Morning Prayer** will be led by Deacon Naomi via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at [orchidsnrch@yahoo.com](mailto:orchidsnrch@yahoo.com).

**Wednesday, August 27th — Contemplative Prayer Gathering** will meet from 9:00a.m. – 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**Friday, August 28th — Lamorinda Village Strength & Balance Class** from 11:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. in Parish Hall.



# St. Anselm's Communication Commission



We have created a new Communication Commission to step up our social media presence and put forth more effort to promote St. Anselm's and our many community events.



Our services can now be live streamed  
On Sunday mornings on  
YouTube @StAnselmsLafayette  
In addition to Zoom.

Also find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnselmsLafayette>

Instagram is coming soon!

August Commission of the Month:

**Communication Commission**







# HEADLANDS BREWING FUNDRAISER

Every bite & sip supports our school,  
bringing the community together for an  
evening of fun & good brews.



**September 16, 2025**  
**5-8PM**



**3420 Mt Diablo Blvd**  
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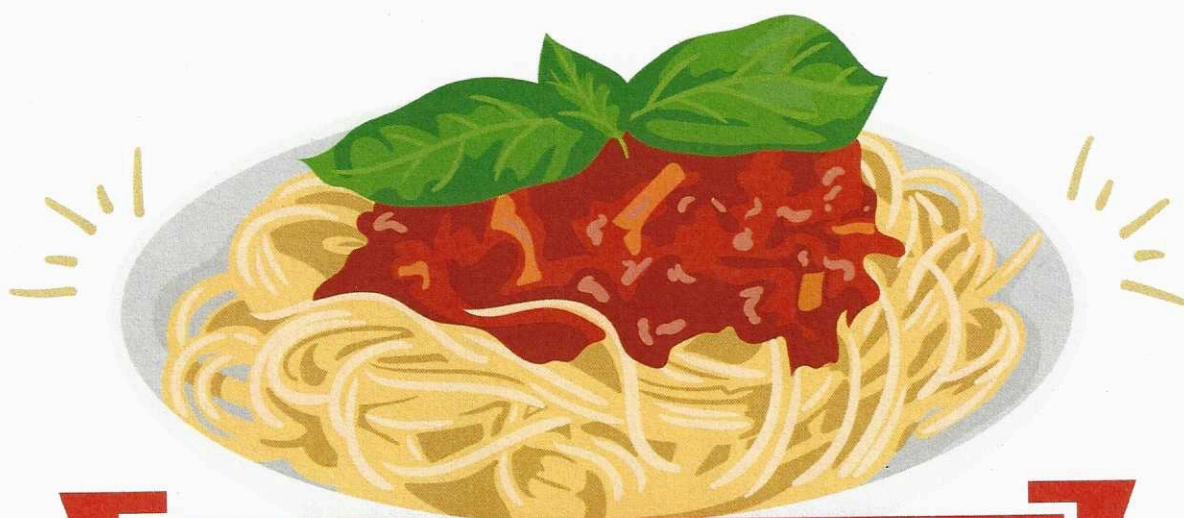
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## *Fundraiser*

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 6 - 9PM**

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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**ADULTS**

**\$20**

PER PERSON

**\$25 @ THE  
DOOR**

### *Dinner Menu*

INCLUDES PASTA,  
GARLIC BREAD, TEA, COFFEE OR JUICE  
SIDE SALAD, AND DESSERT ~ BEER AND  
WINE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

LIVE MUSIC, GAMES, MOVIE AFTER DINNER  
STARGAZING, ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!

**KIDS**

**\$10**

PER PERSON

**\$50 - FAMILY  
OF 4 PACKAGE**

FOR TICKET PURCHASE OPTIONS, EMAIL [INFO@GRACECHURCHMTZ.ORG](mailto:INFO@GRACECHURCHMTZ.ORG)

FOR MORE INFORMATION KINDLY CONTACT TINA AT 925-266-0567

*Sauce Competition: \$150 Prize - \$50 to Enter*



We are now offering  
Home Communion visits weekly.  
If you or someone you know  
would like to receive  
a visit and communion,  
please contact  
[parish@stanselms.us](mailto:parish@stanselms.us) to request a visit.



The **Cadence Choir** Music Program  
continues this Fall at St. Anselm's!  
  
We're looking for more children,  
**ages 9 to 12 years**, to join our **Cadence Choir**.

**Thursdays, 4-6 p.m.**  
at  
**St. Anselm's Episcopal Church**  
682 Michael Lane, Lafayette

For more Information email [\*\*sing@cadencechoir.com\*\*](mailto:sing@cadencechoir.com)



## **SERVING TODAY:**

Presider: The Rev. Will Scott, Deacon: The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Director of Music: Chris Kula, Lector: John Powers, Maggie McCloskey, Lay Eucharist Minister: Pam Green, Altar Guild: Sally Fischer, Joni Pearce, Ushers: Alan Swimmer, Bob Eddy, Coffee Hosts: Marian Mulkey, John Powers, Counters: Julia Starr, Judy Peak, Vestry Person of the Day: Julia Starr, Videography: Chris Young, David Rowe, Henry Rosenberg

STAFF: The Rev. Will Scott, Rector; The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Deacon; Chris Kula, Director of Music; Margaret Wolfe, Office Manager; Steve Zimmerman, Bookkeeper; Holly Higgins, Preschool Director, Marian Mulkey, Treasurer

### **VESTRY:**

Class of 2026: Bob Eddy, Peg Matson-Sr. Warden, Joni Pearce-Clerk, David Rowe

Class of 2027: Hank Gatlin, Dharmini Harichandran, Iris Hillman, Katie Taggart-Jr. Warden

Class of 2028: Pamela Green, Sheila Riedy, Maggie McCloskey, Julia Starr

DEANERY DELEGATES: Bob Eddy, Georganne Eddy, Marty Fischer

COMMISSIONS & MINISTRIES: Altar Guild-Sylvia Williams, Christian Formation-Anne Brown, Lay Eucharist Ministers/Lectors- Judy Peak, Parish Life-Sylvia Williams, Property-JP Zhang, Service/Outreach- Joni Pearce, Stephen Ministry-Vicki Pappas, Stewardship-Katie Taggart, Worship-Judy Peak

*All are invited to make a gift to support St. Anselm's ministry of sharing God's love.  
As the plate is passed \* Online at <https://stanselms.us/give>  
- Thank you for your generosity.*



Sign up for St. Anselm's Weekly Email News

Church worship services are livestreamed via video for our online congregation. By participating in this service you acknowledge that you may be visible on the live broadcast or archived video. If you are uncomfortable about the possibility of appearing on video, please see an usher to be reseated in a more private area.

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*"St. Anselm's Episcopal Church is a nurturing community for people of all ages who seek to know God, grow, and serve."*

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