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August 22, 2021 ~ Year B THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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| Today | 9:30am 6:30 pm | Holy Eucharist Rite II AA Meeting |
| Monday August 23 | 10:00 am 6:30 pm | Thrift Outlet AA Meeting |
| Tuesday August 24 | 10:00 am 6:30 pm | Thrift Outlet Ladies AA |
| Wednesday August 25 | 10:00 am 6:30 pm | Thrift Outlet AA Meeting |
| Thursday August 26 | 10:00 am | Thrift Outlet |
| Friday August 27 | 10:00 am 6:30 pm | Thrift Outlet AA Meeting |
| Saturday August 28 | 8:30 am 10:00 am | AA Meeting Thrift Outlet |



Eucharistic Service Ministers

Lay Readers

Jim Emery

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Chalice Bearers

Ray Davis, Tom Don, Jim Emery

St. Stephen's Vestry

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Welcome Visitors and Newcomers: We extend a warm welcome to all who are new to St. Stephen's. We are delighted to have you with us for worship this morning. Please take time to sign our visitor's book. An usher will gladly assist you with any questions you may have.

"Welcoming Everyone, Connecting with God, Building Community, Transforming Lives."

Be thoughtful, be silent, and be reverent, for this is a house of God. Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:30 am

Prelude

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The Liturgy of the Word

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| Response | Psalm 34:9-14 |
| The Epistle | Ephesians 6:10-20 |
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The Collect of the Day:

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 22, 2021

A Reading from Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Schechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore, we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Psalm 34:15-22

- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *
And his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, *
To root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them*
And delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted*
And will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous *
But the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
Not one of them will be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
And those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
And none will be punished who trust in him.

A Reading from Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

A Reading from the Gospel of John 6:56-69

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The word that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So, Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

August Prayers & Memorials

In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** today we pray for the Anglican Church of South America

In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** today we pray for the Members of the Deacons' Hunger Task Force

Please keep in your prayers:

Nancy Sullivan, Traude Beck, Linda Staszkeski, Tom Don, Dick Heward, Beverly Seabert, Barbara Julian, Ellen Rich, Bud Boyd and Marie Carr.

We celebrate the birthdays this week of Kristen Waldron

St. Stephen's News

The Garden Chapel Eucharist is now held on Saturdays at 5:00pm.

Shop Rite Gift Cards – See Gloria Davis before and after the service.

The votive candles have recently been placed in the Narthex for those wishing to remember a loved one.

The Order of Saint Luke meets every Friday morning at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in finding out more about the group is invited to attend.

Upcoming Events at St. Stephen's

Holy Spirit Episcopal Church has asked us to join them for a Jersey Shore BlueClaws baseball game on Friday night, September 10th. Game time is 7:00pm. The cost of \$16 includes a hot dog, soda, novelty ice cream AND FIREWORKS! Children will get a free game on the Boardwalk. Please send cash or check made out to Louise Wagner by August 22nd. Home address is 107 Danbury Drive, Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087. Email address is wagner_louise@yahoo.com or 609-668-3314. Hope to see all of you there for a fun evening.

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