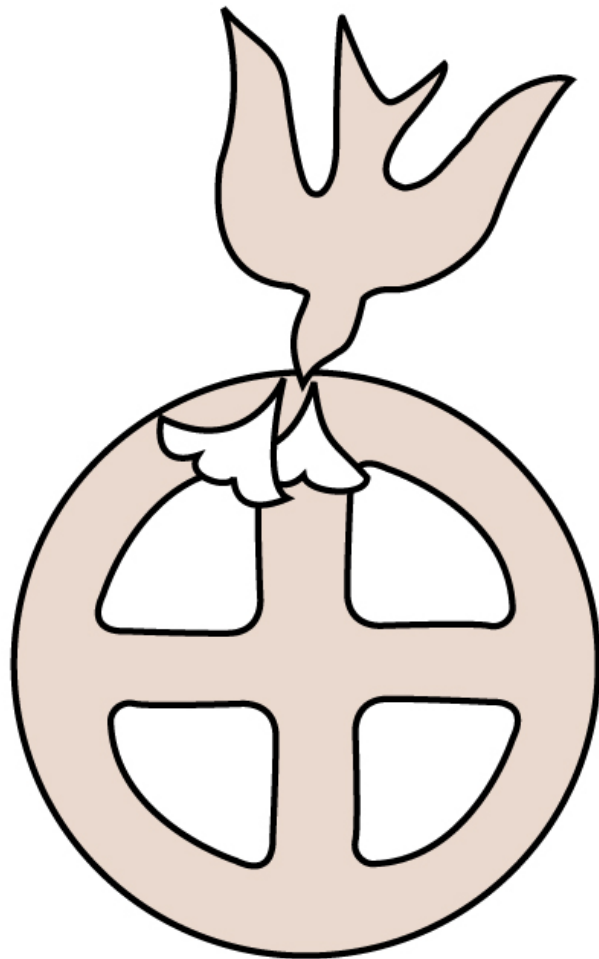


# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 17, 2023  
LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE

10:30AM

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION \*

What happens when you are spiritually prepared and desire to receive communion, but can't? Such a case is referenced by a paragraph in the 1979 Prayer Book:

*If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.*

A nation-wide shut down due to a pandemic fits, I'm sure we'll agree, with the words "by any other impediment" listed in the first Prayer Book. Our Lord will not cut us off from his grace. If we truly desire him, he will come to us, even if we cannot receive the Sacraments he has instituted so that we may receive his grace. This is not a new idea. St Thomas Aquinas, writing nearly 800 years ago, said:

*before receiving a sacrament, the reality of the sacrament can be had through the very desire of receiving the sacrament. Accordingly, before actual reception of this sacrament, a man can obtain salvation through the desire of receiving it, just as he can before Baptism through the desire of Baptism, as stated above (Summa, III.73.iii)*

Desiring to receive the spiritual grace of the Most Holy Eucharist (and being prevented from receiving it sacramentally) is known as Spiritual Communion. It is so very important to note that this gift is given to us when we cannot, for very good reason, be present at mass.

When you are watching a live-stream or recording of our liturgies, any of the following prayers may be said at the moment of communion when you would normally leave your pew and make your journey to the altar:

**In Union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of Your Church where Your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I believe that You are present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from You. Let me live and die in Your love. Amen.**

OR

**Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot physically consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire, and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (from *Enriching Our Worship 2*)**

OR

**"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I love you above all things and I desire you with all my heart.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already in my heart  
and unite myself to you completely.  
Please do not let me ever be separated from you." (by St. Alphonsus Liguori)**

*\*Except where otherwise indicated, the whole of this article (with only very little amendment) is taken from the website of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where it was posted on April 5, 2020. No author was specified.*

**THE HOLY VIRTUAL EUCHARIST**  
The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 19

**THE WORD OF GOD**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prelude**

*Cantabile Deo*

Domenico Zipoli

**Processional Hymn 390**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**LOBE DEN HERREN**

*Descant*

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with  
 a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth; borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
 fend - thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his  
 health and sal - va - tion; join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.  
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: *Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* Gloria S-277

Glory to God

David Hurd

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 114**

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of / Egypt, \*  
 the house of Jacob from a people of strange / speech,  
 2 Judah became God's / sanctuary \*  
 and Israel his do-minion.  
 3 The sea beheld it and / fled; \*  
 Jordan turned and went / back.  
 4 The mountains skipped like / rams, \*  
 and the little hills like young / sheep.  
 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you / fled? \*  
 O Jordan, that you turned / back?  
 6 You mountains, that you skipped like / rams? \*  
 you little hills like young / sheep?  
 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the / Lord, \*  
 at the presence of the God of / Jacob,  
 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of / water \*  
 and flint-stone into a flowing / spring.



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**THE SECOND READING**

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
 Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence Hymn 478**

*Jesus, our mighty Lord*

**MONK'S GATE**

1 Je - sus, our might - y Lord, our strength in sad - ness, —  
 2 Good shep-herd of your sheep, your own de - fend - ing, —  
 3 Glo - rious their life who sing, with glad thanks-giv - ing, —

the Fa - ther's con - quering Word, true source of glad - ness; —  
 in love your chil - dren keep to life un - end - ing. —  
 true hymns to Christ the King in all their liv - ing: —

your Name we glo - ri - fy, O Je - sus, throned on high;  
 You are your - self the Way: lead us then day by day  
 all who con - fess his Name, come then with hearts a - flame;

you gave your - self to die for our sal - va - tion.  
 in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most ho - ly.  
 the God of peace ac - claim as Lord and Sa - vior.

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant: *The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON: The Rev. Nikki Mathis

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

*(said by all)*

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 man. 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.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People:* **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.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form IV

BCP 388

*The congregational response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."*

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Anthem

*Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester*

Malcolm Archer

Thanks be to thee, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits which thou hast given us,  
for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us.  
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,  
may we know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly.  
Amen.

### Presentation Hymn 380 v.3

*Doxology*

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here a Proper Preface is said*)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### \* Sanctus S-125

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Richard Proulx

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*    **Christ has died.**  
                                  **Christ is risen.**  
                                  **Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**Our Father, who art 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.**

\* Fraction Anthem S-161

*Lamb of God*

Richard Proulx

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE



1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's  
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y  
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth;  
vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won - drous ban - quet found - ed - high o'er all the heavens he  
be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from  
vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.  
hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.  
give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Enriching Our Worship 2

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot physically consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire, and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re-joic-ing, wor-ship, thanks, de-  
 2 Scat-tered flock, one shep-herd shar-ing, lost and lone-ly,  
 3 Sins for-giv-en, wrongs for-giv-ing, we go forth a-

vo-tion voic-ing; glo-ry be to God on high!  
 one voice hear-ing, ears at-ten-tive to your word;  
 lert and liv-ing in your Spi-rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas-sion shar-ing, by this Eu-cha-  
 by your Blood new life re-ceive-ing, in your Bo-dy,  
 Part-ners in your new cre-a-tion, seek-ing peace in

rist de-clar-ing yours the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
 firm be-liev-ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
 ev-ery na-tion, may we faith-ful fol-lowers be.

## THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: *Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.*People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Three Versos in E Minor*

Domenico Zipoli



## Prayers of the People

**In our Parish** we pray for Jean Estes, Maggie Darby Raymond, Elmer Clark, Nancy Carter, Randy Harrelson, Teri Bouknecht, Kara Russe, Jamaica Miller, Ellen Kappel, Susan Dunn & family, David Kirshenblatt, Cayden Mitchell, Bill Alworth, Stephen Morris, Barbara Johnson, Sue Bush, Janice Rusk, Jennifer Polzin, Susan Williams, Pat MacKinnon, Shelby Welch, Don Downie, Olivia Carlisle, Angie Defalco, Ken Packer, Michael, Rachel, Christy, Rosina, Eliot, Patricia, Ben, Mobley, Scott, and Lynn.

**In thanksgiving for those celebrating their birthday this week:** Laura Ferguson, Grayson Krause, Anna Hiers, Jane Sheridan, Chrissy Moffett, RuthElizabeth Conine-Nakano, Louise McCormack, and Alex Patterson.

*The people listed here are prayed for by name at each Sunday service. To request prayer for yourself or someone else, please call the office (706-546-7553). If at the beginning of the next month the person needs to remain on the list, please call and give the office an update.*

## Seeking Nominations to the Vestry

The Nominating Committee is developing a list of potential nominees to the Vestry for a three year term beginning 2024. We want your recommendations. With those nominations and with recommendations from the current Vestry, the Nominating Committee will assemble a slate of four eligible candidates to replace the four outgoing Vestry members. The slate of nominees will be presented to the congregation before the end of the year, and the congregation will vote on the slate at our Annual Meeting in January, 2024. As specified in our Bylaws, the slate of four candidates will be elected collectively, not as individuals, so the election isn't competitive.

Not only can you nominate parishioners--with their permission--to be considered for the Vestry, you can self-nominate. That is, you can offer your own name in nomination to the Vestry.

Eligible candidates for membership on the Vestry, as stipulated in our parish Bylaws must:

- \* be confirmed communicants in good standing in the parish,
- \* be at least 18 years old,
- \* regularly attend church services,
- \* and have made and fulfilled a financial commitment (a pledge) to the church in the past year.

To submit your name or that of theirs in the parish for possible membership on the Vestry, simply send it to a member of the Nominating Committee: Wade McGlamery ([wwmcglamery@gmail.com](mailto:wwmcglamery@gmail.com)), Karen Brill ([kare2345@yahoo.com](mailto:kare2345@yahoo.com)), John Bray ([johnpatrickbray@gmail.com](mailto:johnpatrickbray@gmail.com)), Mark Richardson ([mrichsn@gmail.com](mailto:mrichsn@gmail.com)), LeeAnne Krause ([leeanne.krause@verizon.net](mailto:leeanne.krause@verizon.net)), or Nikki Mathis ([rector@stgregoryathens.org](mailto:rector@stgregoryathens.org)).

Please send us your nominations by Friday, September 22.

## TODAY

### **PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet in the library after the 10:30AM service.

## THIS WEEK

### **SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING | SAT., SEPT. 23**

There will be a Safeguarding God's Children training here, taught by Mother Nikki, in the Christian Ed building on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 10am-12pm. **If you need this training (i.e. new Sunday school teachers, people working with youth) and are planning on attending this in-person session, you must let Kendall know before Thursday, Sept. 21 at 12 noon.** There are links she must send you that you must complete before the in-person training. ([office@stgregoryathens.org](mailto:office@stgregoryathens.org)).

## COMING UP ...

### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

The Blessing of the Animals will take place this year at 4PM on Sunday, October 8 on the patio between Parish Hall and the Christian Ed building. Please have your furry, feathered, or scaly friends properly crated or leashed.

## ONGOING

### **MERIDIAN WOMEN'S CHORUS | THURSDAYS**

Director Stacie Court invites all women to join the Meridian Women's Chorus. We meet on Thursdays from 12:30 - 1:45 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on West Lake Drive. We start rehearsals for the fall on Thursday, September 7th; our annual Tapestry Concert is Saturday, December 2nd. For more information, please contact Stacie Court at [stacie.court@gmail.com](mailto:stacie.court@gmail.com) or 706-424-9516.

## **BLINDSPOT GROUP | THURSDAYS**

Our 20s and 30s group meets on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30PM for dinner and a small group study (usually off-site of the church). We also meet at least once a month for game nights, dinner and drinks, movie nights, and more. Newcomers are always welcome! Contact Wade McGlamery, 770-624-4837 for more information.

## **NOTES**

### **COUNTER NEEDED**

We are looking for someone to count a week's worth of contributions to St. Gregory the Great. Counters work together in pairs, and a new counter will be paired with an experienced counter. Counting takes about 30 minutes, and counters work just once a month. Our new counter is needed to start in September (or October at the latest). One of our current counters is willing to be flexible about when she counts, so our new counter can choose to volunteer during the week after the 2nd Sunday of the month or during the week after the 4th Sunday of the month. This is not a difficult task. Counting partners determine together a mutually convenient time to meet in the copy room in the Parish Hall to count during their week. If you want to talk with an experienced counter, talk with Jane Hudson, Mark Reinberger, Maggie Reinberger, Stacie Court, Angela Greene, Lois Alworth, Katie Hein, Gail Eilers, or Alice Mohor. Contact Jane Hudson @ [janehudson@gmail.com](mailto:janehudson@gmail.com) to volunteer.

### **THE LITTLE RED WAGON**

The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank needs paper bags, canned tuna, canned tomatoes, and cooked cereals (i.e. grits, oatmeal)! Please help us fill the Little Red Wagon!

## Those Who Serve

Vestry: Shelby Welch  
Reader: Michael Castengera (8AM);  
Lois Alworth (10:30AM)  
EMs: Roger Schwenke & Jane Hudson  
Crucifers: Ethen Vogt & Jeffery Ross  
Torches: Rainsly Vogt  
Flowers: Lane Norton

Altar Guild: Carol Schwenke, Lin Kromhout, &  
Nancy Watson  
Ushers: Mark Richardson & Anna Hiers  
Counters: Katie Hein & Lois Alworth  
Livestream: Ron Balthazor

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