

Proper 21

Sunday, September 28, 2025 ✦ 8:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump



We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Dick Briggs and Sara Schulz in thanksgiving and in loving memory of Sara's parents, Fr. Smith and Mary.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Sunday, September 28

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Monday, September 29

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 1

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Good Grief Meeting
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group

Thursday, October 2

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Friday, October 3

- 6:00 pm Beaders Group

Sunday, October 5 — Feast of St. Francis

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals (Garden)

The Processional Hymn: I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

Hymnal #429

I'll praise my Ma - ker while I've breath; and
How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on
The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the
I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and

3
when my voice is lost in death, praise
Is - rael's God, who made the sky and
Lord sup - ports the faint - ing in mind and
when my voice is lost in death, praise

5
shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My
earth and seas with all their train; whose
sends the la - boring con - science peace. He
shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My

7
days of praise shall ne'er be - past while
truth for ev - er stands be - cure, who
helps the of strang - er dis - tress, the
days of praise shall ne'er be - past while

9
life and thought and be - ing last, or
saves the op - pressed, and feeds the poor. And
wid - owed and and the fa - ther - less, and
life and thought and be - ing last, or

11
im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
none shall find his pro - mise vain.
grants the pris - soner sweet re - lease.
im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); alt. John Wesley (1703-1791), alt.; para. of Psalm 146.
Music: "Old 113th," melody from "Strassburger Kirchenami," 1525; harm. Vicar Earle Copes (b. 1921).

The Opening Acclamation	Book of Common Prayer p. 323
The Collect for Purity	Book of Common Prayer p. 323
The Summary of the Law	Book of Common Prayer p. 324
The Kyrie.....	Book of Common Prayer p. 324
The Collect of the Day	Book of Common Prayer p. 325
The First Lesson.....	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. ²At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ^{3a}where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. ⁴Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: ⁷Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” ⁸Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

⁹And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ¹¹Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹²and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

The Response	Psalm 146 (Book of Common Prayer p. 803)
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The Epistle	1 Timothy 6:6-19
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⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and

ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Holy Gospel Luke 16:19-31
Jesus said, ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The Sermon.....The Rev. Jason Shelby
The Nicene CreedBook of Common Prayer p. 327
The Prayers of the PeopleBook of Common Prayer p. 328
The ConfessionBook of Common Prayer p. 331
The PeaceBook of Common Prayer p. 332
The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:
Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, 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 the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great ThanksgivingBook of Common Prayer p. 333
The Post-Communion Prayer.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339
The Blessing and Sending Forth.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymnal #494

Crown him with ma-ny crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne. Hark! how the heav'n-ly
 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and ye, who tread where
 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and rose vic - tor - ious
 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who once on earth thein -
 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; crown him the King, to

an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for
 he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man
 in the strife for those he came to save. His glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on
 car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin-ners slain, now lives in realms of light, where saints with an-gels
 whom is — given, the won-drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

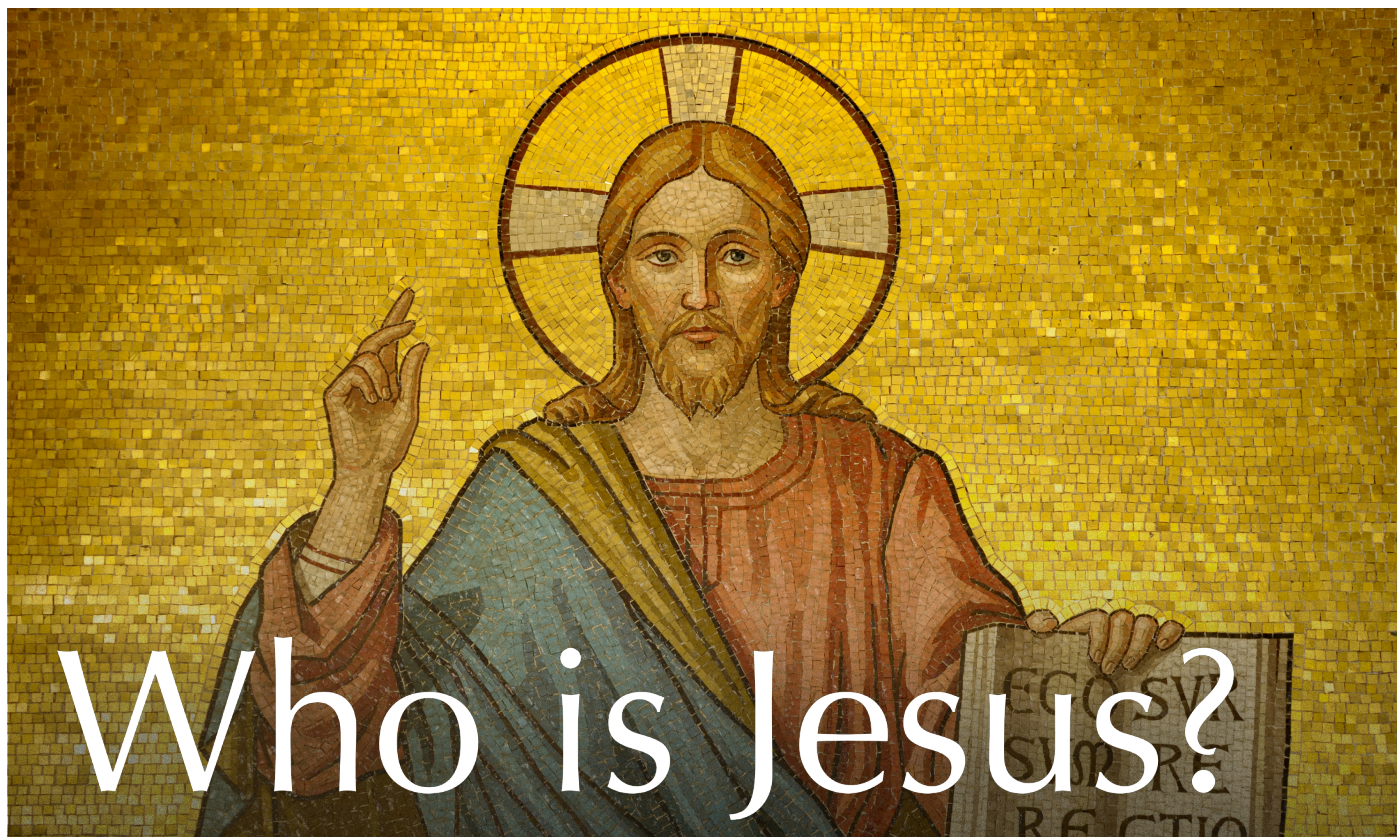
thee, and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 breast, and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 high. Who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 sing their songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 fall, crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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The Postlude

Voluntary on "Ach Herr, du allerhöchster Gott"

Robert Lind



Continuing Spiritual Formation Series Every Sunday in the St. Francis Library

Have you ever found yourself wondering about Jesus—who he is, what he teaches, and what his words might mean for us today? Whether you're curious, questioning, seeking a deeper connection, or exploring baptism or confirmation, you're warmly invited to join us for a new series of conversations: Who Is Jesus?

We'll meet on **Sundays at 9:10ish–9:45 a.m.** in the **St. Francis Library**, between the morning services. Each gathering will grow out of our Sunday readings, offering space for honest questions, open conversation, and shared discovery.

To RSVP or learn more, please reach out to Deacon Celeste at 310-913-1069 or cstump@thecanterbury.org. I look forward to the journey with you!



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HELP SUPPORT CAMP PENDLETON

from Susie Zimmerman

The easiest way to support Camp Pendleton is to share items you no longer need or donate a gift of money (\$25 gift cards from Walmart or Target) or any size of diapers.

You can bring items to St. Francis on Sundays and leave them in the office in the box marked military or let me pick them up at St. Francis before Saturday, October 4. If the office is closed you can bring them to my house on October 3 at 5008 Milne Dr., Torrance, CA 90505.

If you can offer to pick up items and deliver them in your van on Saturday, October 4, please let me know. We will need all items at St. Francis by 8:15 AM so that we can put them in the vans and leave at 8:40 AM on October 4. We are taking them to the Rotary transportation drop off location at Hawthorne High School, 4859 El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, CA 90250.

If ;you have any questions, please contact me at my email: susiezimmerman@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting our military at Camp Pendleton.

Susie Zimmerman, Military Outreach Committee.

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Heredia, Michael Strong, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, TJ Malzahn, and Will Piepenbring.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Brad, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Ceri Falk, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Daniel Drayling, Elizabeth Beadle, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Jeff Mercer, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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