

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 26, 2026 ❖ 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 by Dick Briggs and Sara Schulz to the Glory of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary on July 30.

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

This Week at St. Francis

The St. Francis Annual Rummage Sale begins setting up in the Parish Hall on Monday, July 27 and continues through Thursday, August 13. The Rummage Sale runs two weekends: August 14-15 and August 21-22. Watch for more announcements to come.

Sunday, July 26

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:30 am Annual Antiques Show Wrap-up Meeting
- 4:00 pm Faithful Families Potluck (RAT Beach, Palos Verdes Estates)

Tuesday, July 28

- 7:00 pm Taizé (Chapel)

Wednesday, July 29

- 10:00 am Healing Service
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Good Grief Group Meeting

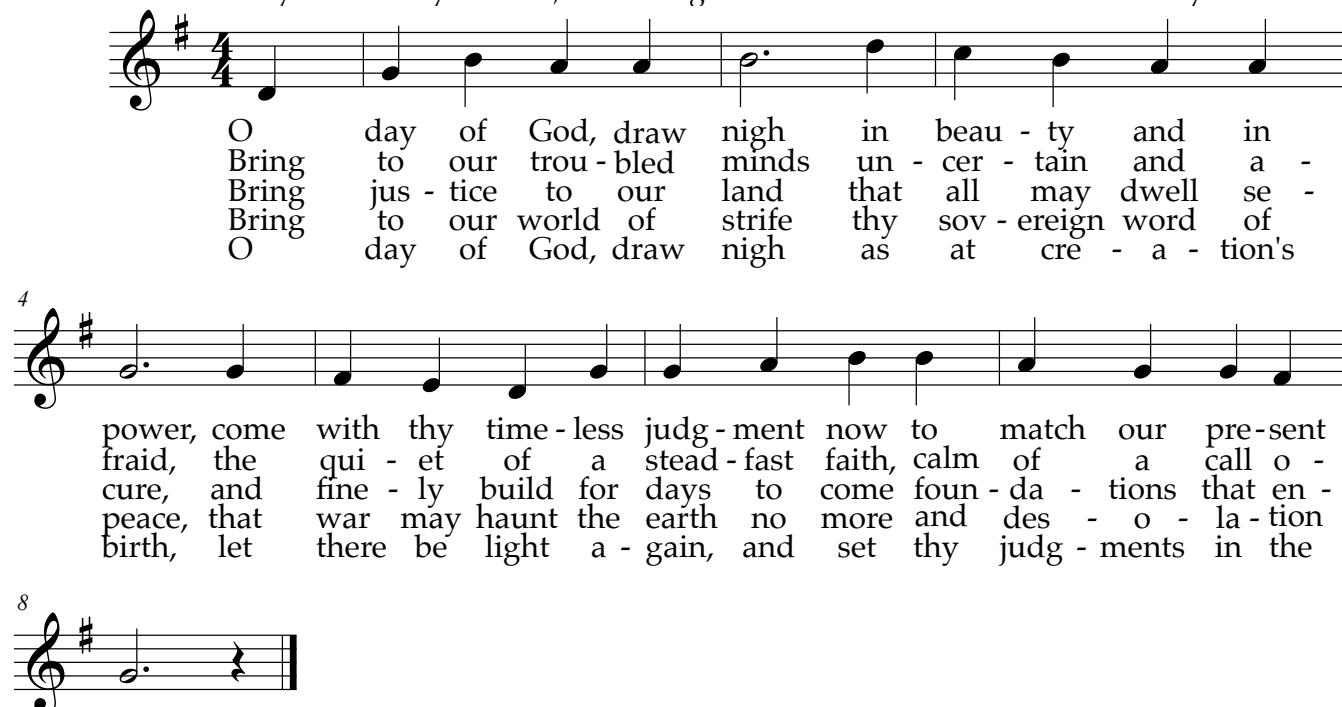
Thursday, July 30

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Sunday, August 2

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

The Processional Hymn: O Day of God, Draw Nigh Hymnal #601



O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in
 Bring to our trou - bled minds un - cer - tain and a -
 Bring jus - tice to our land that all may dwell se -
 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of
 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's

power, come with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pre - sent
 fraid, the qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o -
 cure, and fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en -
 peace, that war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion
 birth, let there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the

hour.
 beyed.
 dure.
 cease.
 earth.

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 harm. William Henry Monk (18823-1889)

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 Gloria Book of Common Prayer p. 324
 The Collect of the Day: Proper 12 Book of Common Prayer p. 180
 The First Lesson 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have

asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The Response Psalm 119:129-136 (Book of Common Prayer p. 774)

The Epistle Romans 8:26-39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore

every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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: "Thy Kingdom Come!" on Bended Knee..... Hymnal #615

"Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the
 But slow the watch - es of the night not
 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the
 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all
 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall

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 pass - ing a - ges pray; and faith - ful souls have
 less to God be - long; and for the ev - er -
 flags of dawn ap - pear; and gir - dle up your loins, ye
 wrong shall stand re - vealed, when jus - tice shall be
 walk the earth a - broad; the day of per - fect

6
 yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.
 last - ing right on the si - lent stars are strong.
 pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:
 throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
 right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929). Music: "St. Flavian,"
 melody from "Day's Psalter," 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

The Postlude

Malagueña (Our Lady of Malaga)

arr. David Knight

Announcements

Record Attendance! Record Proceeds! The Antiques Show raised over \$48,000!

For the first time, that I know of, we surpassed 1,000 tickets sold! It was music to my ears to be told during Saturday Brunch that the ticket sellers had run out of tickets! Fortunately, I had been keeping a stash of unused tickets from past shows just in case!

As it stands now the ECW has raised \$38,122+, Gloria and her St. Francis Treasures booth raised \$9,074.50 for the rummage sale funds and the Outreach Scholarship Fund received \$875. A check from the Antiques Show has been received by St. Francis for the annual ECW pledge to the parish of \$12,000.

Thank you one and all who volunteered, chaired, helped and attended the Antiques Show! We couldn't have done it without you!

There will be a wrap-up meeting on Sunday, July 26 at 11:30am in the board room where we will go over the numbers and discuss and critique this years show. All are welcome to attend!

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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, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, 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: Amy Clute, Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob Cook, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Frances Rosenthal, Irena Dybeic, Jeff, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, KT Martyniak, Marilyn and Dale Ghere, Mary Sharp, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Rex Claytor, Rob Ramsay, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Sofia, Susan Crouse, Tess Jones, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere.

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

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