

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 6, 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 to the glory of God by the S.R. Larrabee Family in loving memory of Christopher Larrabee and all victims of the 9/11 attack.

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

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, September 6

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

Monday, September 7

- Labor Day – Church office closed

Wednesday, September 9

- 10:00 am Healing Service
- 11:00 am Good Grief Group Meeting
- 6:00 pm Men's Corner (Corner Bakery)

Thursday, September 10

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Sunday, September 13 – Get Connected Sunday and Luncheon

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

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The Processional Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King..... Hymnal #400



All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mus - ic for your Lord to
Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

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sing; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with gold - en beams, pale
loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Fair ris - ing morn, with praise re - joice, stars
hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in - tense and fierce - ly bright, you
ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther, praisethe Son, and

9
sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams, O — praise him, O — praise him, Al - le -
night - ly shin - ing, find a voice, —
give to us both warmth and light, —
praise the Spi - rit, Three in One: —

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lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: "Lasst uns erfreuen,"
melody from "Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang," 1623;
adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer p. 323

The Collect for PurityBook 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 18.....Book of Common Prayer p. 181

The First Lesson.....Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, "As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

The Response	Psalm 119:33-40 (Book of Common Prayer p. 766)
The Epistle	Romans 13:8-14
⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.	
The Holy Gospel	Matthew 18:15-20
Jesus said, ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."	
The Sermon	The Rev. Jason Shelby
The Nicene Creed	Book of Common Prayer p. 327
The Prayers of the People	Book of Common Prayer p. 328
The Confession	Book of Common Prayer p. 331
The Peace	Book of Common Prayer p. 332
The Welcome and Announcements <i>Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:</i> 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 Thanksgiving	Book 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: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee..... Hymnal #376

Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry,
 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re -
 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing,
 Lord of love; hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee,
 flect thy rays, stars and an - gels sing a - round thee,
 ev - er blest, well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,
 prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
 cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise, field and for - est,
 o - cean depth of hap - py rest! Thou our Fa - ther,
 sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way; gi -
 vale and mount - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea, Chant -
 Christ our Bro - ther; all who live in love are thine; teach
 - ver of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 - us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: "Hymn to Joy,"
 Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

The Postlude

Prelude & Fugue in D minor (BWV 554)

J.S. Bach

Announcements

Get Connected Sunday on September 13

Join us on Sunday, September 13, after the 10:00 am service under the arches for food, fun, and fellowship! Everyone is welcome, whether you're a longtime parishioner, a new face, or simply curious about St. Francis.

Enjoy a delicious lunch and sample a variety of chilis prepared by our St. Francis Friars and members of the congregation. You'll also have a chance to meet our clergy and ministry leaders and discover ways to grow, serve, and connect with our community.

There will be fun for all ages, including chili tasting, church trivia, a bouncy house for the kids, and a scavenger hunt around the church grounds

Bring a friend and come see what makes St. Francis such a vibrant community of faith. We can't wait to see you there!

Schubert's Mass in G at St. Francis on Saturday, October 10 at 4:30 pm

Join us for an afternoon of beautiful choral music as the Catalyst Chamber Ensemble, the 14-member professional chamber choir of the Long Beach Camerata Singers, presents Franz Schubert's beloved Mass in G. Intimate, lyrical, and deeply spiritual, this radiant work is a wonderful introduction to Schubert's music and a treat for longtime lovers of choral music alike. Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.longbeachcameratasingers.org/>

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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, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Irena Dybeic, Jeff, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, KT Martyniak, Liz, 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, especially Frances Rosenthal, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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