

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Rite Two, Proper 14

Sunday, August 7, 2022 10:30 a.m.

RALLY DAY AND BLESS OF THE BACKPACKS!



Welcome to Holy Nativity!



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The Word of God

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS (see insert)

All who celebrate a birthday in August are invited to come to the front. We say the Birthday Prayer in unison.

Watch over thy children, 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 thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Time

All children are invited to come up for children's time. After, they will follow the cross out to participate in children's church, to return during announcement time.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

The Celebrant may say

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.*

The following song of praise is sung, all standing

Song of Praise

Hymn #362, verse 1

Holy, holy holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee: Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

The First Reading: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,

you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,

you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?

says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams

and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,

or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,

who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

bringing offerings is futile;

incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you: even though you make many prayers, I will not listen: your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes: cease to do evil. learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan. plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson. they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

People Thanks be to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 Deus deorum

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
 those who have made a covenant with me
 and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
 "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
 for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; * your offerings are always before me.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, * lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; * but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

The Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

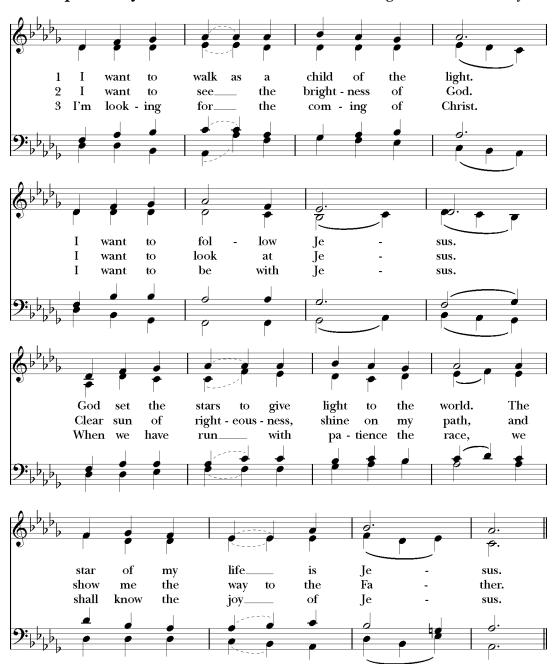
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. *The Word of the Lord*.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn "I want to walk as a child of the light"

Hymn #490





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Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (12:32-40) *People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." *The Gospel of the Lord*.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Steve Bates

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People: Form III

People may remain standing, kneel, or sit reverently. The Leader and People pray responsively In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Silence

The Leader and People pray responsively Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Silence

Remember in Prayer

(Names stay on the list for 3 months. If someone needs to stay on longer, contact Madge Smith at madge@holy-nativity.org or 747-4000. Always get permission from the person before you add them.)

From our congregation: Betty Grammer, Alice Kinney, Carl Harris, Tass, Mary Troxell, Sarah Mason, Malinda Kelly, Hannah Davis, Tim Phillips, Pat Spangler, Inge Churchill, David Burris, Liz Robin, Kelly Roberson, Terry Jangula, Ursula Hixson, Jeannette Tremaine, Jerry Darnell, Edyth Brown, Gerhard Klaassen, Florence Fortier, Margaret Young, John Darrah.

For our friends: Ernie Gentry, Anne Rockwell, Sandra Roose, Kathy Christian and her family, Denise, Robert Simpson.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Andrew's in Mobile.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of West Indies.

We pray for all active duty in the Armed Forces serving in Bay County and throughout the world: Michael Darrah, Stacey Johnson, Christopher Landess, Joseph Railey, Jeremy Hough, Wes Eberhard, Stacey Holliday, Caleb Loveland, Robert Ice, Andrew Frye, Michael Keller, Rex Brown, Nicholas Longden, Marcus Duffy, James Cowart, Austin Johnson.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays: Aug. 7: Steve Bates, Aug. 8: Ivan Pereira, Nancy Reeder, Aug. 9: Lily Bradford, Melanie Cox, Laura McClain, Aug. 10: Rita Boston, Aug. 11: Max Dannecker, Mary Lark, Aug. 12: Milly Eberhard, Elizabeth Moore, Aug. 13: Mary Sittman.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries: Aug. 7: Allen and Pat Nease, Aug. 10: Gregory and Marie Presser.

The Altar Flowers are given this Sunday by Max and Joyce Dannecker in celebration of Max's birthday, and in celebration of the upcoming school year.

The Deacon or Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says 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.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or suitable collect.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Greetings and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture

Offertory "Lord Of The Dance" (arr. Mark Hayes)

Leigh Gladden, soloist

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (Old 100th)

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

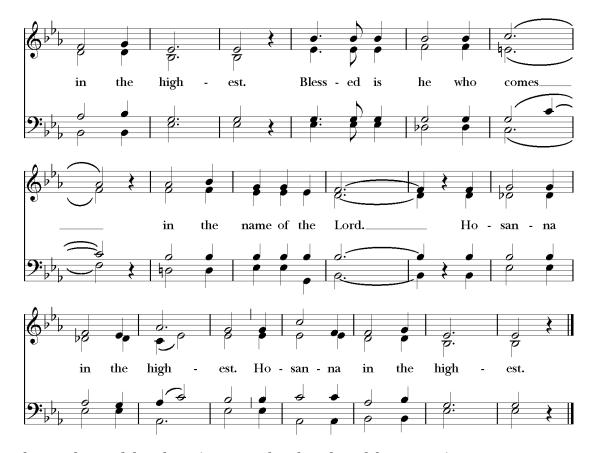
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

A Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant.

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:





The people stand, kneel, or sit reverently. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_______ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast.* [Alleluia.]

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *and may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music (feel free to sing along)

I Am The Bread of Life (Hymn 335)

1. I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger; they who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain: And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.

- 2. The Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world, and they who eat of this bread, they shall live for ever, they shall live for ever. (*Refrain*)
- 3. Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his Blood, you shall not have life within you, you shall not have life within you. (*Refrain*)
- 4. I am the resurrection, I am the life. They who believe in me, even if they die, they shall live forever. (*Refrain*)
- 5. Yes, Lord we believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God who has come into the world. (*Refrain*)

Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Benediction and Blessing



Deacon, or a Priest, dismisses the people.
The People respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

John Durgan, organist

Today's Ministers

Preacher/Celebrant The Rev. Steve Bates

Organist/Dir. Of Choirs John Durgan

Chalice Bearers Joe Ciccarelli and Kelly Roberson

Lector Michael Lovchuk

Acolytes Beka Leebrick, Tyer Shores, Charlotte Eberhard, Nicolas

and Esteban Pereira

Ushers Max and Joyce Dannecker

Greeters Mary Ellen Pettis

Altar Guild Dan and Robin Finley, Max and Joyce Dannecker

Dir. Of Video Prod. A. J. Jeffery

SAINTS ALIVE

This Week at Holy Nativity

Please check our website at www.holy-nativity.org for the latest information about programs and events. Go to www.diocgc.org to check out everything about the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

Lay Ministry Fair: Here's your chance to fine your perfect ministry! Please make sure that you visit all the displays and see what ministries are being offered. All together we are the church.

Are you interested in traveling to Israel next year? The last Interest Meeting will be held on August 14th at 9:30 am in the Church Parlor.

Wonderful Wednesdays will begin again on September 14th!

You don't want to miss the most fun night of the week!

4:30 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal

5:30 pm: Church

6:00 pm: Supper is served 6:30 pm: Programs for all ages Adult Choir Rehearsal

Save the Dates:

October 5th for Blessing of the Pets! October 30th for the Camp Beckwith Pig Roast

Note from Madge: The "Friends" section of the Prayers of the People is much shorter. Some people had been on the list since last year. If you have someone that you would like to add to the church prayer list, please fill out the prayer card in your pew, or email me at madge@holy-nativity.org. Thanks!

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SERVICES

Sundays

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite One (Nursery provided)
9:15 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite Two (Children's Christian Education & nursery is provided)

Wednesdays

5:30 pm *five-thirty* service followed by dinner and programs (Sept. – May)