



St. Alban's Church



Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost The Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - September 22, 2024

*St. Alban's is an inviting faith community striving to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
So, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

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**Welcome to
St. Alban's Episcopal Church.**

*Below is information we hope you will find helpful
as we worship together this morning.*

Please be sure your phones are turned off or put in airplane mode.

Bathrooms are located in the narthex (front door entry vestibule). One is also located in the Welcome Center.

If you are new to St. Alban's, we are glad you are here! We would love to get to know you. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card (found in the pews). Parishioners are also available to greet you and answer any questions you may have; stop in the Welcome Center after the service.

Once again, welcome to St. Alban's!

The flowers today are given to the glory of God.

September Birthdays: Ginny McCutcheon (1), David Ottinger (1), Dara Wilkerson (6), Andi Bisson (7), Joey MacConnell (17), Evelyn Cone (19), Charlotte Smyth (20), Carol Brown (21), Elaine Jett (26)

September Anniversaries: Sylvia & Alex Kostecki (12)

Prayers Requested For: Debra O (niece of Joan E), Miriam C, Rev. Muriel and Bob D [For friends of Kay L. - Katherine D & Family & Charlene O & Family, Wennberg Family, Andrea P, Cheryl H, Judy H, Margaret M, Karen K, Diane H] Kathy F (friend of John K), Virginia E, John M (son of Terri M and Carolyn & Alan), Joan C, Stephanie H (cousin of Scott R), Sarah (niece of Marilyn R), Jackie M (friend of Sylvia F), Jeffrey B. (brother of Margaret M), Sebastian P (friend of Joan E), Joan E, Amelia G & Michelle D (family of Dave & Chat G), Ray W (friend of Sylvia F), Kylie (great niece of Joan V), Sylvia F, Suzanne S, Barbara S (neice of Joan E), Richard T (brother of Sharon P)

PRAYER: O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If you would like to add a name to the Prayer List, please call or email the Parish Office. Please provide the relationship of the person to you.

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ENTRANCE HYMN *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound* (Hymn # 671)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

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.

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S280 (BCP p. 356)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Wisdom 1:16--2:1, 12-22

A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades.

"Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training.

He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange.

We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 54

Save me, O God, by your Name; *

in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God; *

give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, *

those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper; *

it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me; *

in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *

and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble, *

and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Second Reading: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

A Reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN Before thy throne, O God, we kneel (Hymn # 574)

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and the disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with

one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

Rev Omar Reyes

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

**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 (BCP p. 359)

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; That we all may be one.

Lord hear our prayer.

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

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Lord hear our prayer.

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.

Lord hear our prayer.

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

Lord hear our prayer.

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

Lord hear our prayer.

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

Lord hear our prayer.

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

Lord hear our prayer.

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

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14, 16

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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 PEACE (BCP p. 360)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.



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The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY HYMN God is Love, let heaven adore him (Hymn # 379)

DOXOLOGY #380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 367)

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 him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367)

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

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 S130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)

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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)

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

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN (OVER THE RAINBOW) Jim Inmon sings verse.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine (Hymn #477)

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



Set-up for the **Annual Christmas Sale** begins Wednesday October 16.
Please see Susan or Rita for more information.

We will provide breakfast casseroles for **Celebrate Outreach** to persons experiencing homelessness on Saturday October 5. See Sharon Payne after church to pick up pans and recipes if you need them. Casseroles should be delivered to the church kitchen (freezer or refrigerator) the week of September 30 by 3:00 pm Friday October 4.

Thanks to all who support this ministry!



Altar Flowers

Consider giving towards the purchase of altar flowers in honor or memory of a special occasion or loved one. The sign up sheet is located in the Welcome Center. Suggested donation is \$25.

Prevention Plus

Prevention Plus stroke/vascular testing will be on campus tomorrow, September 23rd. Call 888-667-7587 to make an appointment.

St. Giles Food Pantry

St Giles Food Pantry is in need of donations.

Thank you for your help!

St Alban's Calendar of Events

Sun Sept 22 @ 10:00 am -----	Sunday Service
Mon Sept 23 @ 8:00 am -----	Prevention Plus
Wed Sept 25 @ 11:00 am -----	Healing Service
Thurs Sept 26 @ 7:00 pm -----	Weekly Bible Study

Join us for **Morning Prayer Services** Monday through Thursday
@ 9:00 am on Facebook
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