



# St. Alban's Church

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## Seventh Sunday After Pentecost The Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - July 7, 2024

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*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!*

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**The flowers today are given to the glory of God.**

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**July Birthdays:** Patsy Henneman (1), Irene Pavese (4), Grace Bailey (6), Bob DeBussy (7), Evelyn Frost (14), Georgia Simpson (15), Joan Elder (18), Sylvia Foster (19), Kathy Yoder (21), Vadim Reyes (22), Maria Doherty (23), John Kiley (23), Terri Mitchell (26), Eric Hann (30), Joan Varnadoe (31)

**July Anniversaries:** Lori & Jeff Hunsucker (2), JJ & Omar Reyes (5), Anne & Frank Turner (15), Scott Roeder & Don Eslin (17), Barbara & Richard Hollar (17), Jim Inmon & Tom Scott (27)

**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, Michelle H., The Larrison Family" Kathy F (friend of John K), GW R (friend of Irene P), Virginia E, John M (son of Terri M and Carolyn & Alan), Joan C, Stephanie H (cousin of Scott R), Sarah (niece of Marilyn R), Curt (friend of Brian & Evelyn C), Jackie M (friend of Sylvia F), Ray W, Jeffrey B. (brother of Margaret M), Sebastian P (friend of Joan E), Samaira F (friend of Aimee C), Joan E, Steve and Beckie E (Relatives of Sharon P), Amelia G & Michelle D (family of Dave & Chat G), Ray Whalen (friend of Sylvia F), Kylie (great niece of Joan V)

**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** God of our fathers, whose almighty hand (National Hymn) (Hymn # 718)

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

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

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE**

**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**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5**

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

The LORD said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And

when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 123**

To you I lift up my eyes, \*

**to you enthroned in the heavens.**

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*

**and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*

**until he show us his mercy.**

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*

**for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*

**and of the derision of the proud.**

**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.**

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### **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

A Reading from Paul’s Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN God bless our native land (America) (Hymn # 716)**

**GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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**THE SERMON**

**Canon Richard Norman**

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**THE 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**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:29-31

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.Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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



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## The Holy Communion

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:15, 16

**OFFERTORY HYMN How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord (Lyons) (Hymn # 637)**

**DOXOLOGY (LEVAS 56)**

**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**

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**

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**

**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

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,

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

## EPICLESIS

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 St. Alban and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first-born 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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **INVITATION**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **COMMUNION HYMN Jerusalem the golden (Ewing) (Hymn # 624)**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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**

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 O beautiful for spacious skies (Materna) (Hymn # 719)**

## **DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT: RULES FOR RESPECT

The habits of holiness put forth here provide a wonderful way to live out our lives in mutual ministry. In our baptismal covenant, we are called to “respect the dignity of every human being.” Here are some simple Rules for Respect for community interactions. I invite you to hold yourself and one another accountable to these rules as we share our lives together.

If you have a problem with me, come to me, privately. If I have a problem with you, I will come to you, privately.

If someone has a problem with me and comes to you, send them to me. I’ll do the same for you. If someone consistently will not come to me, say, “Let’s go to him/her together. I am sure he/she will see us about this.” I will do the same for you.

Be careful how you interpret me—I’d rather do that. On matters that are unclear, do not feel pressured to interpret my feelings or thoughts. It is easy to misinterpret intentions.

Assume the best of me and ask if you have questions about my intentions. I will be careful how I interpret you. I will assume the best of you and ask if I have questions about your intentions.

If it’s confidential, don’t tell. If you or anyone comes to me in confidence, I won’t tell unless (a) the person is going to harm himself/herself, (b) the person is going to physically harm someone else, (c) a child or senior has been physically or sexually abused. I expect the same from you.

I do not read unsigned letters or notes.

I do not manipulate; I will not be manipulated; do not let others manipulate you. Do not let others manipulate me through you.

I will not preach “at you.” I will leave conviction to the Holy Spirit.

When in doubt, just say it. The only dumb questions are those that don’t get asked.

Our relationships with one another, at the end of the day, are the most important things, so if you have a concern, pray, and then, if led, speak up. If I can answer it without misrepresenting something, someone, or breaking a confidence, I will.

Pray for one another. That’s not just a throwaway line. Lifting one another to God in prayer is how we learn, slowly and sometimes painfully, but ultimately joyfully, to see each other with God’s eyes, hear each other with God’s ears and love each other with God’s heart. Pray for each other, for our leadership team, and for our wider community.

Ideally a Vestry adopts this (or similar) and shares the covenant with the congregation, inviting all to live into it.

## St Alban's Calendar of Events

Sun July 7 @ 10:00 am ----- **Sunday Service**  
Wed July 10 @ 12:00 pm ----- **ECW Meeting Guild Room**  
Thurs July 11 @ 12:45 pm ----- **CASA Meal Prep & Delivery**  
.....sign up in Welcome Center

### Upcoming

Wed July 17 @ 12:00 pm ----- **Care Team Meeting (Zoom only)**  
Sunday July 21 @ 11:00 am ----- **Outreach Meeting Guild Room**  
Thurs July 25 @ 12:45 pm ----- **CASA Meal Prep & Delivery**  
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**Weekly Bible Study will resume in August.**  
**Father Omar on vacation from July 6th to July 20th.**

Join us for **Evening Prayer Services** Monday through Friday  
@ 5:00 on Facebook  
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**Healing Service** will resume July 24th.

### St. Alban's is a Parish in the Diocese of Southwest Florida

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Bishop

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