



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 17, 2025

The Rt. Reverend Russell Kendrick, Bishop  
The Reverend William M. Lowry III, Rector  
The Reverend Doctor Steve Campbell, Worship Leader

## An Order for the Administration of Communion Under Special Circumstances

*This service may be celebrated at a service on Sunday morning or on other occasions with the Bishop's permission. It is intended primarily for rural congregations where no priest is available and not for congregations where there are priests available in nearby towns. This adapted use of Communion Under Special Circumstances is authorized for use beginning July 1, 2021.*

*The Presider for this liturgy shall be a diocesan licensed Lay Worship Leader or Deacon and is denoted throughout this worship with the title 'Leader'.*

*The consecrated elements are reverently placed on the altar before the congregation arrives. The elements shall be placed in a chalice and paten unveiled and without a burse. No other vessels or missal shall be placed on the altar.*

*The Leader begins the service with the following directions,*

Dear friends in Christ, we have come together in the presence of God to offer praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive the Word of God, to bring before God the needs of the world and to ask for the forgiveness of our sins. Today the bread and wine for our Communion were consecrated for us prior to our services. For centuries, the church has reserved consecrated elements in order to include those unable, because of infirmity or distance, to be present at Eucharist, and also to include worshipping communities on occasions when no priest is available to preside.

### HYMNS FOR 10:30AM SERVICE ONLY

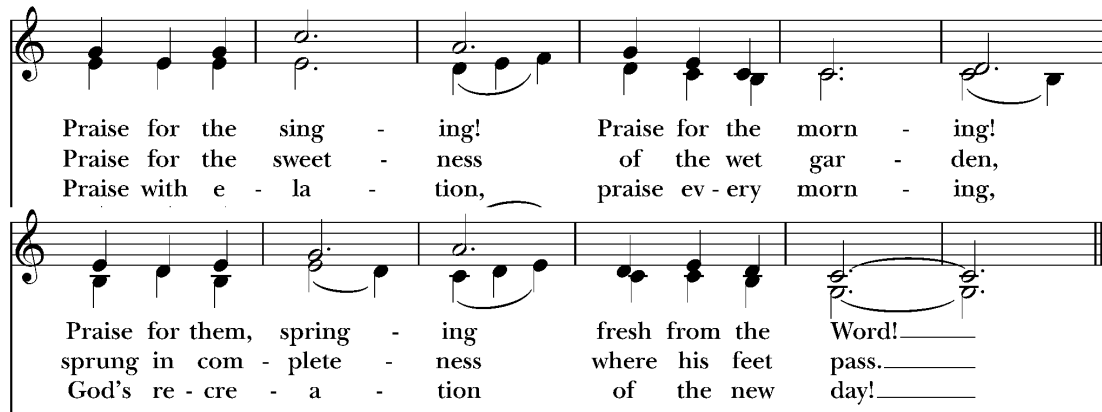
#### ENTRANCE HYMN

#### *Morning has broken*

Hymnal 8

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. \_\_\_\_\_  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. \_\_\_\_\_  
born of the one light E - den saw play! \_\_\_\_\_



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! \_\_\_\_\_  
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. \_\_\_\_\_  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! \_\_\_\_\_

### OPENING SENTENCES

*The people standing as able, the Leader says*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*All* 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Leader says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Leader* Let us pray.

*The congregation prays the collect of the day in unison*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Readings

*The people sit.*

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

Please read with me the Psalm responsively by half verse. (Responses in bold.)

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
**shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**

<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
**you cast out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You prepared the ground for it; \*  
**it took root and filled the land.**

<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
**and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
**and its branches to the River.**  
<sup>12</sup>Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
**so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**  
<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
**and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**  
<sup>14</sup>Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; \*  
**preserve what your right hand has planted.**  
<sup>15</sup>They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
**at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.**  
<sup>16</sup>Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**  
<sup>17</sup>And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
**give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**  
<sup>18</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:29—12:2**


A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though


they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*           Thanks be to God.


**GRADUAL HYMN**           *Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve*           Hymnal 546



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor  
2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -  
3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat-ing voice that calls thee from on  
4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor



on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and  
vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and  
high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to  
on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and



an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.  
on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.  
thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.  
an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12:49-56**

A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke.

*Because this is not a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the congregation shall remain seated during the reading of the Gospel*

[Jesus said,] “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           Thanks be to God.

**THE HOMILY**

The Reverend Dr. Steve Campbell

*A licensed lay preacher may comment upon the lessons or the occasion. Alternatively, the congregation may be invited to share their reactions to the text.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*All stand as able.*

*Leader*   As able, let us stand and affirm our faith in the words of 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**

*All remain standing as able.*

*Leader: Kindle the fire of your passion in us, O Holy One, and baptize creation with your divine vision of justice and truth, as we pray: Stir up your strength and come to help us.*

Litanist: The Church has received God's promises made perfect in Jesus, and we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses: Empower us, O Gracious One, to run with perseverance the race that is set before us and to share in your reconciling work. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our

Rector as he is on sabbatical; Steve, our worship leader and all other clergy and ministers of your church.

Stir up your strength

**and come to help us.**

You have commanded us to create structures of justice and righteousness, O Compassionate One: Inspire all who lead with your vision and grace to deliver the weak and poor from all powers of oppression. We pray especially for Donald, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.

Stir up your strength

**and come to help us.**

You hear the cry of the poor and the ill, and you act to relieve oppression throughout the world: Relieve the needs of all who suffer throughout the world and bring them your goodness and life. We pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia, in Israel and Palestine and all victims of violence. Bring your peace to our world. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioner Chris.

Stir up your strength

**and come to help us.**

You have planted us among fertile hills in a pleasant land, O Generous One: Lead us to fulfill your compassionate purpose for our community and for all the people of the world.

Stir up your strength

**and come to help us.**

Let those who suffer look to the cross of Christ who has endured, and who now sits at the right hand of the throne of God. We remember especially our parishioners Cal, Carol, Mike, Norma, Al, Norma, Kimberly, Jane, Jackie, Ava, Dawn, Pam, Daphne, Anne, Sonya, Sara, Evie, Joy, Doris, Amy, Alyson, Ella, Allie, June, Keri, Jan, Peter, Lee and all on our prayer list.

We give grateful thanks for your abundant blessing in our lives.

We entrust to you, as the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, those who have died.

Stir up your strength

**and come to help us.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers, the Leader adds a concluding Collect:*

*Leader: Enlighten us with your grace, O God, and bring wisdom out of all of our divisions and conflicts, that we may interpret rightly the present time and so understand the signs of our confusion that we may cooperate with your will to reconcile and heal the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God, world without end. Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Leader says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader 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 Leader says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

**THE PEACE**

*All stand as able.*

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

*The people greet each other with signs and words of peace. An offering may be collected for the work of the church at this service, but it shall be placed on the empty altar without ceremony. Minimal preparation is to be made at this time from behind the altar.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**                      8am-Dan Ratliff    10:30am-Millie Ericson

**ANTHEM DURING COLLECTION**    *Shepherd of My Heart*        Arr J. Purifoy

*All stand as able. The leader stands in an appointed place near the altar but that is not behind the altar and says:*  
Sisters and brothers, yesterday/this morning, the bread and wine were consecrated for our use at this service and have been reverently kept that we may share in communion with God and the whole Body of Christ in every place and every time to share the foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet.  
Leader        Sisters and brothers, the cup of blessing that was blessed  
People        is the communion of the Blood of Christ.  
Leader        For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body  
People        and all made to drink of one Spirit.  
Leader        The Bread that was broken  
People        is the Communion of the Body of Christ.  
Leader        Because there is One Bread  
People        we who are many are one body, for we all share in the One Bread.  
All:            Almighty Father, whose dear Son on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood; Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*The Leader says*

So, with all who are gathered together today, everywhere throughout the world, and with the great procession of your Saints, we pray to you as our Savior has taught us:  
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, forever and ever. Amen.

*The Leader says*

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here. The gifts of God for the People of God.

**ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

*Communion is then administered to all who choose to receive. If someone present comes forward but does not wish to receive, it is appropriate to say a brief prayer of intercession for that person, but not to pronounce a blessing. It is appropriate to offer anointing for healing and prayers for intercession before or during the administration of Communion.*



COMMUNION HYMN     *Fight the good fight with all thy might*     Hymnal 552

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy  
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine  
\*3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less  
\*4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth

strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and  
eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -  
mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing  
not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and

it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
fore us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.  
soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.  
thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand as able.*  
*Leader* Let us pray.

*All*

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN     *How firm a foundation*     Hymnal 637

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

DISMISSAL

*Leader* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**All who seek to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way are welcome to receive Communion.** If you do not wish to receive the Sacraments, just cross your arms and a blessing will be given instead. Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please ask the priest as communion is distributed.

**NURSERY:** We provide a nursery for your convenience for infants and children up to 4 years old. The nursery opens at 9am. We invite you to bring your child back from the nursery for communion, preferably during the Peace and Announcements.

**Those for whom we pray:** **Cal & Carol Hanson, Mike & Norma Minchew,** Katherine Stribling (Jan Waggoner), Marilyn Lewis (Lillian Bemis), Carrietta Nelson (Lillian Bemis), **Al Vondrasek, Norma Black-Glossop,** Kathi Dolder (Sue Wiggins), Judi Kuntz (Ann Lofaro), **Kimberly Worthy,** Deloma Bigham (Rhonda Barber), Laura Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), **Jane Taylor,** Jayne Sharp (Lillian Bemis), Abe & Dianne Kattawar (Rose Johnson), Lisa Kanuth (Kimberly Worthy), Mikki Stanley (Kimberly Worthy), Nancy Jones (Marilyn & Bobby Quinn), Terry Kilpatrick (Lillian Bemis), **Jackie Jabour, Ava Trivett,** Debbie, Dave, Eloise & Gigi Welch (Margaret Divito), Mary Ruth Burnes (Lillian Bemis), Valerie Wilk (Lillian Bemis), **Dawn Johnson, Pam Webster, Daphne Grimsley, Anne Meydrech,** Matthew Gilbertson (Sam Nelson), **Sonya Urquhart,** Kimberly & Ken Brand (Jan Waggoner), Justin Requena (Carolyn Towery), **Sara Walker,** Helen Lauderdale & family (Witt Lauderdale), **Evie Loftin,** Joyce Marie Borck (Norma Black-Glossop), Melissa Mackey (Lillian Bemis), **Joy Howell, Doris Kimmerlin,** Sherry Jo Johnson (Rose Johnson), Melinda DeGraw (Evie Loftin), Nancy & Mark Varljen (Jan Waggoner), Pat Pickett (Rose Johnson), A.M. Speed (Bobby & Marilyn Quinn), **Amy Pride, Alyson, Ella & Allie Signa,** Charlotte Green & the Green Family, **June Hayles, Keri McIntosh,** Tim Worthy (Lillian Bemis), Jerrica Stallings (John & Karan Stomps), **Jan Waggoner,** Jack Pickett (Rose Johnson), Audra Mund (Ellie Brandon), **Peter Davis, Lee Reid**

**For all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces:** Phil Gurney (USN), Blake Buskens (USA), Charlie Conner (USA), **Chris Miller (GSPD),** Joseph Callaway (USN), Savannah Kichler Isenburg (USAF), Jacob Wetzler (USN), Luc Lau (USM), Jack Taylor (USN), Snap Nelson (USMCR), Callaway Williamson (USN), Cailan Ross Ashley (USCG), Joshua Cooper (USA), Margaret Lloyd (USN), Aiden Rivera (USA)

**In Thanksgiving for Birthdays in August:** John Pierce (3<sup>rd</sup>), Sonya Urquhart (7<sup>th</sup>), Greyson Casey (9<sup>th</sup>), Jamie Poole (10<sup>th</sup>), Janice Osborn (14<sup>th</sup>), Brenda Johnson (15<sup>th</sup>), Felicia Meehan (16<sup>th</sup>), Laura Hill (20<sup>th</sup>)

**In Thanksgiving for Anniversaries in August:** Janet & Chuck Rumbley (12<sup>th</sup>), Nancy & Steve Campbell (14<sup>th</sup>), Amanda & Kelby Prince (25<sup>th</sup>), Pamela Webster & Peter Davis (27<sup>th</sup>)

**Servers**

**8am-Chalice Bearer-** Dec McClelland      **10:30am-**David Adams

**Lectors-8am-**Nancy Campbell & Dec McClelland

**10:30am-**Joy Branch & Fr. Bill Ericson

**Ushers- 8am-** Dan & Dawn Ratliff      **10:30am-** Dave Liebenow & Vic DeFiori

**Altar Guild-** Judy Allen, Joy Branch, Nancy Campbell, June Hayles,  
Fr Bill Ericson, Leah Reader, Tomi Bree Shaw

**Flower Guild-** Brenda Johnson

**Beadle-** Millie Ericson

**Vestry**

Dave Liebenow ('26), Sr. Warden

Joe Barber ('26)

Sam Nelson ('25), Jr. Warden

Millie Ericson ('27)

Nancy Campbell ('25), Clerk

Brenda Johnson ('27)

John Stomps ('25)

Dan Ratliff ('27)

David Adams ('26)

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