# St. Michael's Episcopal Church on the Naugatuck Green

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00 am. July 10, 2022



# The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Jesus taught his followers to:

"Love your neighbor as yourself." *Matthew 22:39* 

Jesus was asked to confirm what he meant by the word 'neighbor'. This is when he told the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), to explain that people should love everyone, including their enemies.

It is easy to love friends and family, but it is much more difficult to love those who you may not get along with, or even those who may harm or hurt you. To show love to your enemies is to truly love as Christ did.

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus uses the example of the Jew and the Samaritan, who would not ordinarily have been friendly towards each other. However, out of all those who could have helped the Jew, only the Samaritan did. Jesus tells of a man who was travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho and was attacked by robbers on the way. He was badly beaten and left for dead.

The first person to pass the injured man was a priest, who crossed the road and continued walking.

The second person to pass the injured man was a Levite, a priest's assistant. He also crossed the road and continued walking without helping the man.

The third person to come by was a Samaritan, a person from Samaria. The Samaritans were hated by the Jews. When the Samaritan saw the man, he took pity on him. He bandaged him and cleaned his wounds. He then put him on the back of his donkey and took him to an innkeeper, whom he paid to look after him.

The parable ends with Jesus giving a commandment to go out and do the same as the Samaritan had done.

Plates are available at both Sanctuary entrances for weekly offerings.



Worship Bulletin Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. Fifth Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Eucharist Rite One

(Please join in the celebration by responding with the words in **BOLD/ITALICS**)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### The Word of God

#### **Entrance Rite**

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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.

#### **COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS**

The Celebrant says

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*.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

#### **SONG OF PRAISE**

The following is sung, all standing

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (A prayer expressing our collective concern)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **COLLECTS AGAINST VIOLENCE**

God of our redemption: our cities and our streets have become places of war and violence. Our schools and our homes have moved from places of safety and sustenance to places of fear and anxiety. Let us not be silent. Create in us such a desire for civility, such a longing for peace, such a love for our neighbor that we will not be stopped in our efforts to restore our neighborhoods and our towns. Raise up among your faithful people a common desire to redeem all that you have entrusted to us. Make us bold for peace.

In your holy name we pray.

Mothering God: you gather the suffering in your loving embrace. Come and dwell with those who have lost loved ones to the violence of our world. Comfort them in every affliction. With tenderness, console them in the hours of their need. In your compassion, and by your mercy, heal their torn hearts and lives—and restore them to fullness of life.

In your holy name we pray.

Prince of Peace: you challenge us when we seek a shallow justice—when we cry "Peace, peace"—when there is no peace. Give courage to those who seek your purposes, who challenge and address the truth of our violent ways. In the struggle to reduce gun violence, stand with those who keep covenant with you to protect the lives of every person. Uphold them in their work by your grace, that we may be known as people of peace, as lovers of justice.

In your holy name we pray.

#### The Lessons

#### FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 30:9-14

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

[Moses said to the people of Israel,] 9"The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, 10when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 11Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. 12It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' 13Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' 14No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow

#### PSALM 25:1-9 (Said responsively by full verse)

Remain seated.

1To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3Show me your ways, O Lord, \*and teach me your paths.

4Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*for they are from everlasting.

6Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8He guides the humble in doing right \*and teaches his way to the lowly.

9All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

#### **SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:1-14**

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossus.

1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. 3In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 4for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel 6that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. 7This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, 8and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. 9For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. 11May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully 12giving thanks to the Father,

who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Silence may follow.

**GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37** 

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

25Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 27He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." 28And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." 29But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' 36Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" 37He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON (BCP p. 326)

#### **THE CREED**

All stand.

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.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Give grace, O God, to all bishops and to all other ministers that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Open, O God, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor, Alivia and Mya, Baby Archer, Babs, Baby Felix, Barbara and Jack, Cameron, Carol, Chuck, Daniel and Emily, Danielle and Ray, David, Debbie, Dee, Deeanna, Donna, Doreen, Duke, Edgar, Emily, Emily, Evelyn, Frank, Gabriela, Genie, Gloria, Hal, Hunter, Jace, Jackie, James, Jane, Jess, *Kara, Sara and Roxann*, Karen, Kareyliss, Ken, Kole, Leighton, Liz, Marcia, Marion, Marjorie, Mary, McKenzie, Michael, Mimi, Pamela, Patrick, "Pete", Rob, *Ruth Ann*, Sandy, Shane, Sharon, Shirley, Susan, Wanda, Wayne, William, and Vedran. Also remember all the families who care for their loved ones.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially all those others who we remember and now name \_\_\_\_\_\_; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Michael. the Archangel, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16* 

#### THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

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

#### **WELCOME AND BLESSINGS**

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant **N**. as **he** begins another year. Grant that **he** may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen **his** trust in your goodness all the days of **his** life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

For an Anniversary

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# The Holy Communion

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

The Celebrant says

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

AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS From All That Dwell Below the Skies (OLD 100TH)

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

# The Great Thanksgiving

#### **SURSUM CORDA**

The People remain standing.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

#### PROPER PREFACE

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

#### **SANCTUS**

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for

our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.* 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

#### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

# \*GLUTEN FREE HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. ASK THE PRIEST AT COMMUNION FOR THE GLUTEN FREE HOST

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

#### A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A Spiritual Communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving the bread wine.

The celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you this night and evermore. *Amen*.

#### **DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

#### **COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST**

(July 10, 2022): This week we especially pray for all those who are sick or homebound; or need our prayers for support, strength, or Thanksgivings. We especially remember Alivia and Mya, Baby Archer, Babs, Baby Felix, Barbara and Jack, Cameron, Carol, Chuck, Daniel and Emily, Danielle and Ray, David, Debbie, Dee, Deeanna, Donna, Doreen, Duke, Edgar, Emily, Emily, Evelyn, Frank, Gabriela, Genie, Gloria, Hal, Hunter, Jace, Jackie, James, Jane, Jess, *Kara, Sara and Roxann*, Karen, Kareyliss, Ken, Kole, Leighton, Liz, Marcia, Marion, Marjorie, Mary, McKenzie, Michael, Mimi, Pamela, Patrick, "Pete", Rob, *Ruth Ann*, Sandy, Shane, Sharon, Shirley, Susan, Wanda, Wayne, William, and Vedran. Also remember all the families who care for their loved ones.

#### SAINT MICHAELS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON THE GREEN

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# **Church News and Happenings**

#### **Friendly Reminder**

Jules is on his modified sabbatical through September 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will celebrate all worship services on Sundays and will be available for pastoral care after each service (8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 4:30 p.m. for the summer). Emergency Pastoral Care is available by Jules, by calling the office or using the Pastoral Emergency Line 203-723-3919.

#### **Sunday Evening Services**

Join us Sundays outside by the weeping cherry tree at 4:30 p.m. for a casual Holy Eucharist service

July 10<sup>th</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>

Inclement weather evenings may be indoors or on the gazebo

#### **Gardeners/Farmers Wanted**

Birger Gabrielson is looking for volunteers to help in developing, nurturing, and cultivating fresh vegetables for the Naugatuck Foodbank.

Contact Birger at 203-729-3349 for details

#### **Naugatuck Ecumenical Food Bank**

Let us help our neighbors during the summer months

Most needed items

64 oz. bottles of Juice

## **NEON (Naugatuck Ecumenical Outreach Network)**

Community dinners will resume in October

NEON is reaching out to our neighbors and community for donations of the following type INDIVIDUALLY wrapped items for weekly snack distribution during the summer.

Granola Bars Fruit Cups
Peanut Butter crackers
Pudding Cups, Goldfish Crackers
Microwave popcorn, Chips/Doritos/Pretzels
Cookies, Fruit Snacks
Freeze your own popsicle tubes

#### September Programs

#### **Usher Ministry**

We are still in need of volunteers for both the 8:00 and 10:00 services to bring back our welcoming traditions to the sanctuary. Please consider joining our usher team as it is an important part of the welcoming ministry of the church. Contact the office or Jules and indicate your interest.

Thank you to Cheryl Koenemund, who has volunteered to be our new Usher Coordinator.

#### **LEV (Lay Eucharistic Visitors) Ministry**

We are looking for additional visitors to administer communion to shut-ins and homebound members. Contact Jules or Sandy to be included.

#### **Altar Ministry**

We would like to restart our ministry of Eucharistic Ministers on the altar. Please contact Jules if you would like to volunteer at either 8:00 or 10:00.

#### **Church School**

Registration for fall is August 28th. Classes to begin September 25th

#### Acolytes

Anyone interested in performing acolyte duties, contact Tim Kelly at timbarbkelly@comcast.net