



Welcome to St. Francis Church

We are glad you are here.

Newcomers and visitors, please see page 3 for information to help you get acquainted with St. Francis.
It is our parish custom to observe silence in the Church prior to the start of the Eucharist.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. THANK YOU.

8:00 A.M. - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

Celebrant:..... The Rev. Peter Huang

Deacon/Preacher:.....The Rev. Laurel Coote

Prelude: Go tell it on the Mountain *Johannes Matthias Michel*

Processional Hymn – The First Noel **Hymn #109 vv 1, 2, 6**

The Opening Acclamation..... p. 323

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The Collect of the Day..... p. 161

The First Lesson Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to
spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness
and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand
of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Response: Psalm 147:13-21 *Laudate Dominum* p. 805

The EpistleGalatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.
Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.
But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.
But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to
redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.
And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing the first verse of

Gospel Procession: Angels We Have Heard On High..... Hymn #96

**Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.**

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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The Holy Gospel..... John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Please join in singing the third verse of 'Angels We Have Heard On High', as the procession returns.

**Come to Bethlehem and see
Him Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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The Sermon..... The Rev. Laurel Coote

The Nicene Creed p. 327

The Prayers of the People p. 328

Let us say together our Mission Statement:

All We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen.

The Confession..... p. 330

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Hymn—Angels from the Realms of Glory.....Hymn #93
 Offertory Prayer All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee
 The Great Thanksgiving p. 333
The clergy will carry the Sacrament to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward for Holy Communion. Please inform one of the ushers if you would like to be served at your seat. Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.
 Post Communion Prayer p. 339
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Recessional Hymn—Go Tell It On the Mountain.....Hymn #99
 Postlude: *Go tell it on the Mountain*.....John A. Behnke



WELCOME

If you are new to our parish community, here are a few notes to help you get acquainted.

1. **PLEASE TAKE A “WELCOME” CARD** from the pew rack in front of you, fill it out, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our clergy after the service. We will be happy to contact you in the week ahead and help you however we can.
2. **JOIN US AFTER THE SERVICE FOR COFFEE** and other refreshments so we can welcome you more personally. Coffee hour is on the Chapel Patio (turn right as you exit the Chapel). We promise we won’t leave you standing in the corner, staring at your shoes! When raining or cold, we gather in the Parish Hall (turn left when you exit the Chapel and head for the green doors).
3. **STOP BY THE WELCOME TABLE** at the Chapel doors or the rolling bulletin board near the Main Church entrance, browse the information there, and pick up our most recent “Get Connected” brochure. This brochure contains information about becoming a member, details about our outreach, ministries, classes, groups, and events. It provides a one-stop guide to help you “get connected” – to God, to the inclusive community that is St. Francis, and to many opportunities to make a difference in the world.
4. **IF YOU HAVE COME WITH CHILDREN**, please know that children of any age are always welcome to stay with you during the worship service. We have found that sitting toward the front helps children feel they are more “a part of the action”. Pew bags are available at the Chapel doors with child-friendly worship aids.

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve, that they may be kept from harm's way.

Those who are ill or recovering from surgery: Andrea, Susie Allen, Stephanie Bezner, James Eakins, Ceri Falk, Amalia Fraker, Mary Louise Gordon, Sally Hill, Jack Lovrich, Christine Ma, Jake Madrid, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, Bob Pilmer, James and Reiko, Anne Shepherd, Steve Smith, and Phyllis Thomas, that they may know your healing power.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.



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