



### Welcome to St. Francis Church

We are glad you are here.

It is our parish custom to observe silence in the Church prior to the start of the Eucharist.

The flowers on the Altar are given by Sara & Dick Briggs to the Glory of God,  
& in memory of Dick's mother Eleanor Coon Briggs on the anniversary of her birth.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. THANK YOU.

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

Celebrant:..... The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic  
Preacher:..... Canon Hank Gatlin, *Licensed Lay Preacher*  
*Prelude: Priere a Notre-Dame* ..... Leon Boellmann  
**Processional Hymn—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**..... Hymn #436 vv 1-3, 5  
The Opening Acclamation..... p. 323  
*(this and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Common Prayer)*  
The Gloria ..... Powell—S-280

7 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
13 might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
19 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
26 sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our  
32 prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most  
High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day..... p. 163  
 The First Lesson..... Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

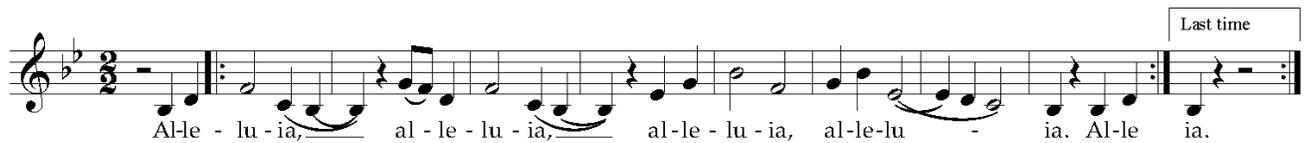
The Response: Psalm 84, *Quam dilecta!*..... p. 707

The Epistle ..... Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Please STAND, as able, and join in singing*

Gospel Procession: **Repeating Alleluia** ..... Calvin Hampton



From "Repeating Alleluia" by Calvin Hampton

The Holy Gospel..... Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
 according to your word;  
 for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
 a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
 and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Please join in singing the Repeating Alleluia, as the procession returns.*

The Sermon.....	The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic
The Nicene Creed .....	p. 327
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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.**

Welcome and Announcements

**Offertory Hymn—Blessed Jesus, At Your Word..... Hymn #440**

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 .....

Blessing and Dismissal .....

**Dismissal Hymn—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name..... Hymn #450 vv 1-4**

*Postlude: Prelude and Fugue..... J.S. Bach*

# 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, Aidan and Lorcin, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Stephanie Bezner, Howard Dale, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Nathan Reddall Linman, Luke Miles, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Shelley Reece, Anne Sharp, and Steve Smith, that they may know your healing power.

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