

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Hymn

God Bless America

The Opening Acclamation
Gloria

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The Collect of the Day:

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.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for

your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm: 45: 11-18

Eructavit cor meum

- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.
- 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

The Epistle: Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with

the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn #719

O beautiful for spacious skies

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to Matthew.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and

you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Norman Erb-White

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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Discernment Prayer (NEW):

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead – knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Confession

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Exchange of the Peace

Announcements

Offertory Hymn #717

My country 'tis of thee

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (EP I)	BCP 333
Sanctus	BCP 334

The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
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The Fraction Anthem	BCP 337
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Communion of the People

Communion Hymn #608 ***Eternal Father, strong to save***

Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
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The Blessing

Hymn #720 ***O say can you see***

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer* 1979

Hymns from *The Hymnal* 1982

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time
please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleans and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Rev. William H. Marchl, Catherine McCloskey, William Horner and Family, Susan Kelly & Michael Teore, John Rogers, Carol Adams, Bethany McKinley, Maryann Marchl, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Joann Cieslo, Kathy Sampson, and Flo Warfel.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Jerry & Jane Strittmatter, Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Lou Hoffer, Shawn & Tyler McKinley, Marlene Rhin.

Sunday: The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday July 5th 10:00 Holy Eucharist Rt I

Saturday July 11th 10:00 Saturday's Kitchen

If you are able to help at Saturday's Kitchen. Please call Kitty 814-288-1848 or kittyb2666@gmail.com

Next Sunday: The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday July 12th 10:00 Holy Eucharist Rt II

Thursday July 16th 10:00 am Pet Food Pantry

A special “Thank You” to Carol Adams
our Organist at this Morning’s Service.



Readers and Greeters July 2026

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Lisa Bell-Loncella or Colleen Curry know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

July 5 th	Tina Grata & Doug Zawiskie
July 12 th	Donna Carosi & Lisa Bell-Loncella
July 19 th	Colleen Curry & Richard Burkert
July 26 th	Pam Hysong & Joann Lacko

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

July 5 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow
July 12 th	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko
July 19 th	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden Barlow
July 26 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan

July Worship Schedule

July 5 th	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Norman Erb-White Presiding
July 12 th	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Wes Smedley Presiding
July 19 th	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer
July 26 th	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Norman Erb-White Presiding

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5 July 2026**

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Church of the Incarnation, Beaver and The Rev. Deanna Briody.

Altar Flowers Given to The Greater Glory of God

As A Special Day for
Kenn & Cindy Leap
July 6th
From Cindy

In Loving Memory of
Douglas Greig
4th Anniversary
July 9th
From St. Mark's Pet Food Pantry

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 45:11-18
Romans 7:15-26
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

***Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through
transformational worship and service***

