

# Readings and Music for

**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 20, 2025**

*Today's flowers are in celebration of July family birthdays  
(Diana, Brooks, Britta and Grant)*

**Processional**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

*H401*

## **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading**

**Genesis 18:1-10a**

A reading from the book of Genesis:

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and

the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

## Psalm

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- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \***  
**who speaks the truth from his heart.**
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \***  
**but he honors those who fear the Lord.**
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \***  
**nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

A reading from the letter to the Colossians:

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

## Gospel

**Luke 10:38-42**

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

## Sermon

**Rev. Hunter Farrow**

**Offertory**                      "Bless'd Jesus, at Thy Word"                      *H440*

**Communion**                "Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart"                      *H488*

**Recessional**                "Lord, Dismiss Us With thy Blessing"                      *H344*

## **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

***THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE:*** Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

### ***This week at Transfiguration:***

<b><i>Today</i></b>	<b><i>Holy Eucharist</i></b>	<b><i>Church/FB</i></b>	<b><i>10:00am</i></b>
	<b><i>Coffee Hour hosted by</i></b>	<b><i>Leach Hall</i></b>	<b><i>11:15am</i></b>
	<b><i>the Anderson sisters</i></b>		

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Military Outreach Collection** – The Military Outreach Ministry will be collecting money for Hope Manner in Joliet this Sunday and next Sunday. Hope Manner is part of the larger umbrella organization Volunteers for America, and they assist veterans and their families with housing, employment, counseling, suicide prevention, and more. All of the money collected will go directly to assisting the 67 families currently living at Hope Manner. We appreciate you supporting this important work.
- **The Feast of the Transfiguration** - At 7 PM on August 6th, we will have a midweek eucharist to celebrate The Feast of the Transfiguration. It feels fitting for us to mark this special day that commemorates the event in the life of Christ that is our parish's namesake. This will be a folk mass. We will be using some more contemporary worship pieces, and we are hopefully going to have a violin player in addition to our wonderful pianist. The music will still be very beautiful and reverent, and this will be an opportunity to engage in a different style of worship music. This is also an opportunity for me as your priest to share from my background and expose you all to the worship milieu that formed me.

Additionally, I am going to extend an invitation to the parishes in our deanery to join us for this service. Most of you are probably aware that I serve on Diocesan Council as the clergy representative for the Joliet Deanery, and one thing that has come out of our recent meetings is an understanding that the deaneries need to be a more vital part of the mission of the Diocese. I am hoping we can get folks from throughout the Joliet Deanery to join us and that we can build stronger bonds with our siblings in Christ throughout the deanery.

- **Book Discussion** – Join the summer book discussion group, hosted by Deacon Jason Elliott. The book is *The Church the Apostles Left Behind* by Raymond E. Brown Monday and is available for purchase on either Amazon or Paulist Press in paperback or hardcover and is available as an ebook for download. The group meets on Zoom every other Monday from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. The date for the remaining session is July 28. If you would like to join the group, email Jason at [jasonagelliott@gmail.com](mailto:jasonagelliott@gmail.com). He will send you the Zoom link and let you know what chapters to read.
- **Sign up for Coffee Hour** – Please sign up for coffee hour. The nursery girls make the coffee, and simple instructions are emailed every week when you sign up. THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE FOR DOING SO!!!!
- **Beds Plus** - Our Beds Plus Outreach program volunteers continue to pack lunch bags for the homeless shelters every other weekend. If you would like to make a contribution toward purchasing food items for this ministry plus make your check out to the church and write “Beds Plus” in the memo line. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Zack Ottinger at [zottinger@gmail.com](mailto:zottinger@gmail.com). Please remember the other ministries we support; including the area Food Pantries and Shower the Shelter.



## **Jubilee Happenings**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bike Rally**

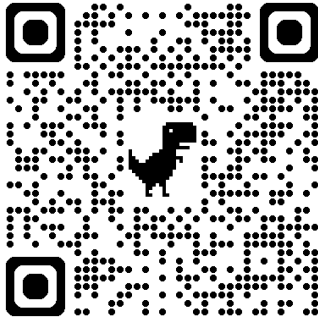
**September 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – Autumn in the Park (Palos Park);  
Parade at 1 PM on the 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**October 11<sup>th</sup> – Chili Cook Off**

**November 8<sup>th</sup> – Bunco**

**December 10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Cookie Exchange**

**Online Giving:**



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