

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY

"WHOEVER WELCOMES YOU
WELCOMES ME,



AND WHOEVER WELCOMES ME
WELCOMES THE ONE
WHO SENT ME."

MATTHEW 10:40, NRSV

JUNE 28, 2026 – PROPER 8 – YEAR A
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

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Beloved in Christ, have you ever pondered the question, “*Does God take a vacation?*”

As we approach the end of the school year and the beginning of summer, many of us are looking forward to some time away. There is often a sense of anticipation and gratitude as we prepare to rest with family, gather with friends, or simply enjoy a quieter pace. For some, rest may come at the Jersey Shore, on a Caribbean island, or in the mountains. Others may find joy in amusement parks, national parks, or returning home to visit loved ones. However we spend these summer days, they offer us a gracious opportunity to be renewed in body, mind, and spirit.

Martha’s Vineyard is my happy place. I cherish being there with family and friends—walking along the beach, grilling outdoors, and settling into the slower rhythm of “island time.” Those who live on or visit the island know something of its quiet mystique. Because there is no bridge, one must arrive by plane or ferry, and that journey itself can feel like an invitation to leave behind the hurry of daily life. Another gift of the island is its local character. The restaurants and shops are not the familiar chains we see everywhere else, but places with their own stories and personalities. And almost inevitably, you see someone you know—or someone who knows someone you know. The human connection is real, and it is a reminder of how deeply we are created for community. I often wish every person could know the blessing of rest in a place they love, surrounded by people who bring them joy.

Most of us welcome the chance to take a vacation, to step away from responsibilities, to breathe more deeply, and to be restored. But the question remains: “*Does God take a vacation?*” The answer is no. We take time away because we grow tired. We need rest because our bodies, minds, and spirits need renewal. But God does not grow weary. God does not withdraw from us. God does not need to step away from the needs of creation. The One who is all-powerful, all-knowing, and ever-present remains faithfully attentive to us in every season of life.

Yes, in the book of Genesis we read that God “rested” on the seventh day. Yet this rest is not because God was exhausted; rather, it reveals the holy rhythm of creation. God’s Sabbath rest teaches us that rest is sacred, necessary, and life-giving. It is a gift entrusted to us. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that “[God] *does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable*” (Isaiah 40:28). And Psalm 121 offers us this tender assurance: “*He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*”

What a comfort it is to know that God’s loving care never takes a break. While we may need to unplug, step away, or lay down our burdens for a while, God remains near. God is not distant from our joys or our concerns. God is present on the beach and in the hospital room, in the laughter of family gatherings and in the quiet places where our hearts need healing. This is the good news: God’s love is constant, steady, and always available.

So, as you take your well-deserved vacation—or simply make room for rest in the midst of ordinary days—receive that time as a gift from God. Rest without guilt. Breathe deeply. Delight in the beauty of creation. Share unhurried moments with those you love. And remember that the God who never leaves us nor forsakes us is watching over you with tenderness and grace. May that assurance give you peace, restore your spirit, and help you return renewed for the work and witness to which God has called you.

May you have a blessed, restful, and joy-filled summer.

In Christ’s Love,
Dean Lee+

WELCOME! We're honored that you're worshipping with us today. If you're not familiar with our Episcopal worship service, we hope this service bulletin will help. Please use the hand sanitizer that is provided throughout the building before and after touching any surfaces. Thank you for helping us to remain as safe as possible while enjoying in-person worship.

Please stand as indicated and be seated for lessons

Prelude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

All stand, as able

Processional Hymn

Hymnal # 525

The Church's One Foundation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sing

Hymnal # S-280

Gloria in Excelsis

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

Lector: Zoe Ahaghotu

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (28:5-9)

Then in the presence of the priests and of all the people who were standing in the Temple, I said to Hananiah, "Wonderful! I hope the LORD will do this! I certainly hope he will make your prophecy come true and will bring back from Babylonia all the Temple treasures and all the people who were taken away as prisoners. But listen to what I say to you and to the people. The prophets who spoke long ago, before my time and yours, predicted that war, starvation, and

disease would come to many nations and powerful kingdoms. But a prophet who predicts peace can only be recognized as a prophet whom the LORD has truly sent when that prophet's predictions come true.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Remain seated; all sing Refrain together

Psalm 89:1–4, 15–18

Cantor: Fay Manicke

Refrain

Your love, O Lord, for ev - er will I sing.

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

Refrain

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
‘I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”

Refrain

Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

Refrain

For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.
Truly, the Lord is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

Refrain

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Gabrielle Lee

A Reading from Paul’s letter to the Church in Rome (6:12-23)

Sin must no longer rule in your mortal bodies, so that you obey the desires of your natural self. Nor must you surrender any part of yourselves to sin to be used for wicked purposes.

Instead, give yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life, and surrender your whole being to him to be used for righteous purposes. Sin must not be your master; for you do not live under law but under God's grace. What, then? Shall we sin, because we are not under law but under God's grace? By no means! Surely you know that when you surrender yourselves as slaves to obey someone, you are in fact the slaves of the master you obey—either of sin, which results in death, or of obedience, which results in being put right with God. But thanks be to God! For though at one time you were slaves to sin, you have obeyed with all your heart the truths found in the teaching you received. You were set free from sin and became the slaves of righteousness. (I use everyday language because of the weakness of your natural selves.) At one time you surrendered yourselves entirely as slaves to impurity and wickedness for wicked purposes. In the same way you must now surrender yourselves entirely as slaves of righteousness for holy purposes. When you were the slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. What did you gain from doing the things that you are now ashamed of? The result of those things is death! But now you have been set free from sin and are the slaves of God. Your gain is a life fully dedicated to him, and the result is eternal life. For sin pays its wage—death; but God's free gift is eternal life in union with Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 609

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Remain standing

The Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes God's messenger because he is God's messenger, will share in his reward. And whoever welcomes a good man because he is good, will share in his reward. You can be sure that whoever gives even a drink of cold water to one of the least of these my followers because he is my follower, will certainly receive a reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

**The Very Reverend Terence Alexander Lee, M.Div.
Dean**

Remain standing
Nicene Creed

**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.**

A Litany for Father's Day

Lector: Elle Ahaghotu

The Lector and People pray responsively

Deacon: Through baptism we have been made alive in Christ Jesus. Let us speak the words of this new life by praying for the whole state of Christ's church and the world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For the church, that we might be faithful, willing to serve, constant in grace, and receptive to newness, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: We remember God's holy catholic church, including Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; Sally, our Bishop; Terence, Dean of this Cathedral; Noel, Peter, John, and Bruce, priest associates; Christopher and Kimme, our Deacons, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops, and for all high school graduates, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For this congregation, that we might be eager to welcome, diligent in prayer, and generous in deed, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Caitlin M. Palmer, Althia & Naeem Muse, Zachary McMullan, Karen Russo, Therese (Terry) Cooper and Alan S. Rudolph.** Let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For our nation, town, and neighborhood, that we might be advocates of the lowly, defenders of liberties, and models of justice, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For those who grieve, those in places of care, those in prison, those who are addicted, those who are despondent, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: We remember before you those who are sick, or in any other special need, especially the residents of Hamilton Grove Care and Rehabilitation Center; along with **the People of Ukraine and Russia, the People of Israel, Palestine and Iran, the People of Haiti, the People of Sudan, Darryl Francomacaro, Victoria Jones, Mike Bernardo & Kelly Candelori, Pat Hawkins, Jose Morales, Charlie Dale, Janice Davis, Deborah McConnaughey, Kwenci Jones, Crystal Miller Smith, Morine Bowen, the Beadle family,**

Caroline McIntyre, Ray Brooks, Bob Whitley, and those we name before you now...
(*silence, as the people add their own petitions*). Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For those in dangerous occupations, those who care for the sick, those who work the land, those who engage in commerce, and those who teach, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: We commend to your prayers this day all persons deployed in the service of our country. May they dwell safely under the protection of Almighty God. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For all who travel, who seek rest, who visit family and friends, who enjoy the gifts of creation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For our families and for all placed under our care, for our enemies and for those with whom we disagree, and for those who are examples of grace in our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **Tammi Annemarie Simon**, the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, the victims of the ongoing wars around the world, and those we name before you now (*silence, as the people add their own petitions.*) Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Holy God, open our eyes to a fresh vision for a peaceful world, along with the will to seek alternatives to vengeance and violence. Awaken in us compassion for the victims of war: soldiers of all nations, grieving families, civilians, the wounded creation. Open wide the eyes of world leaders, especially in our own country, to see a path toward peace in the Middle East, and in all those conflicts, too many to name, that tear apart the one human family. Grant us eyes wide open to peace. **Amen.** (*From the Episcopal Peace Fellowship*)

Celebrant: Yours, O God, is the dominion, the power, and the glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Holy Communion

Please remain seated while Ushers collect the offertory

Offertory Hymn

LEVAS # 71

In Times Like These You Need a Savior

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, food donations to the Cathedral Food Pantry, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or Celebrant.

**The Great Thanksgiving:
Eucharistic Prayer A**

**Chalice bearers: Cn. Phil Lewis
Bobbie Powell**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds . . .

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Hymnal # S-129

Sanctus

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues . . .

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray . . .

Celebrant and People:

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said . . .

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Hymnal # S-163

Agnus Dei

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the directions of the Clergy and Ushers. You may either stand or kneel when receiving communion. Children may receive the Bread and Wine according to the discretion of the parents. Cross your arms over your breast to receive a blessing if you do not wish to receive either Bread or Wine. If you wish to receive by intinction, leave the host (bread) on your palm. Because communion is complete in either form, reception of either bread or wine alone constitutes a full communion. If you need to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please notify one of the ushers.

Communion Solo

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People:

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go in peace, to love and service the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal # 518

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Postlude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

**THE CATHEDRAL ALTAR ARRANGEMENT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
IN MEMORY OF MAGDELINE V. INGHAM AND DARLENE J. DENT, FROM JUDITH MILLER**

**For Family Sunday, today's readings are taken from
the *Good News* translation of the Bible.**

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JUNE 28, 2026 ~ PROPER 8**



Following Christ, joining the Cathedral – We invite you to accept the invitation to follow Christ, to become a Christian and to become a member of Trinity Cathedral. We encourage you to fill in one of the pew cards and place it in the offering plate, or please contact one of the clergy.

**We are all children of God.
There is no longer Jew or Greek.
There is no longer slave or free.
There is no longer male and female.
For we are all one.**

We believe Jesus lived for this and died for this.

We pledge ourselves with God's help and the support of each other to make this become a reality.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 7/5 are:

John Gummere, Cn. Terry Cooper, Howard Ebersole & Anna Shields (alternate)

Chalice bearers – Cn. Clara Gregory & Margaret Nartey

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 7/5 (1st Sunday) are:

Veronica Ngwayah (Greeter/Usher) & Ed Greenfield (alternate)

During the summer, our hospitality hour will transition to lighter, more informal selections of coffee, cookies and cold drinks. This helps simplify set-up and clean-up during the hot summer months, in order to give our hospitality volunteers an annual break. **If you would like to continue bringing a dish of any kind to share during the summer, feel free to do so! Alternatively, you may bring cookies or something similar.**

The 8:30 am Mass is off for summer break; see you in September!

The Cathedral office is currently on summer hours: Mon. – Thurs., 9:00 am – 4:00 pm and Fri., 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Our Urban Promise summer camp kick-off picnic - July 2nd - Sponsored by the Cathedral, last year we had over 100 campers and their families participate in this event. It was a great way for the Cathedral family to connect with our neighbors! **YOU** can help make this event happen by making a donation as we **do not** have grant money as we did last year to organize this event.

NEEDED:

- **150- 8 or 9 oz. Cups (preferably bio-degradable)**
- **3 Large Seedless Watermelons**
- **6 Large Onions**
- **4 Bags of Ice**
- **Greeters, food servers, set-up & clean-up crews.
(Set-up start at 11a.m. Join the fun! Take a shift!)**

There's something for everyone to do, even if it's not a physical task. If you'd like to be a part of this fun event on **July 2nd**, contact Lucy Adams or leave a message in the Cathedral office.

We will be issuing a new Parish Directory in the early Fall - Sometime over the summer, please fill out the "Member Profile Form" found on our literature tables to update your information, and drop it in the collection plate. You can also bring or mail it to Patrice in the office or scan and E-mail it to patriceattrinity@aol.com. Keeping our contact information up-to-date is vital to our parish communications – thank you for your assistance!

To help make everyone feel welcome at the Cathedral, we ask that everyone wear their nametags for worship and events at the Cathedral. Look for your nametag near the parking lot entrance. If there is not one with your name on it yet, please use a temporary nametag and sign up on the sheet provided; one will be made for you the following week.

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, July 11th (2nd & 4th Saturdays this month) from 9-11:00 am. Each Thursday, we distribute hot dinners "to go" from 4:15–5:30pm at the Overbrook Avenue entrance as a satellite location for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.

SAVE THE DATE



Trinity Cathedral Presents

22nd Bishop George E.
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GOLF OUTING

Monday, October 12, 2026



Mercer Oaks Golf Course
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For more information visit www.trinitycathedralnj.org



THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (6/28) **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 8 ~ Family Sunday**
10:00 am **Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)**
 Summer refreshment hour immediately following – SH
 10:30a – 12:30p All Saints Chapel in use

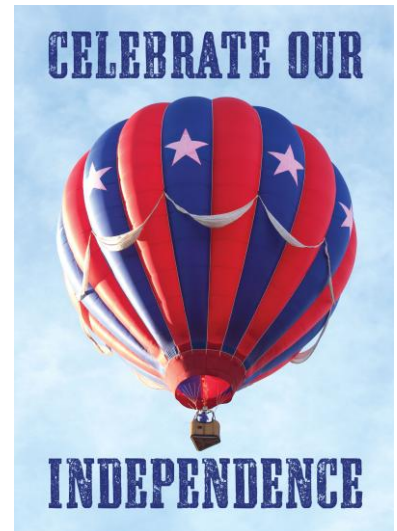
Mon. (6/29) 8:30 am – 4 pm Urban Promise Summer Camp begins, Mon.-Thurs., through August 6th

Thurs. (7/2)
 12:30 pm Urban Promise summer camp picnic, sponsored by the Cathedral;
 join us to lend a hand!
 3:45 – 5:00 pm TASK Meals – SH
 8:00 pm Rosary Devotions, via Zoom

Fri. (7/3) All closed for July 4th observance

Sat. (7/4) All closed – Happy Independence Day!

Sun. (7/5) **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 9**
10:00 am **Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+**
 livestreamed, when available)
 Summer refreshment hour immediately
 following – SH
 10:30a – 12:30p All Saints Chapel in use



In the case of a pastoral emergency, Dean Lee can be reached at (505) 340-5422.