



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
COLLEGE HILL, WICHITA, KS

5:30 PM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3; 8:30 AND 10:45 AM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

THE 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 18

All directions about standing and kneeling are for those who are able.

**A SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM
AND HOLY EUCHARIST**

THE PRELUDE *At the 10:45 service.*

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. BACH

Bells may be rung.

The People stand as the ministers enter.

THE PROCESSIONAL *Sung at the 10:45 service.*

HYMN 485

Praise the Lord, Through Every Nation

WACHET AUF

WELCOME AND OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and maker of all.**

Info for worship

We invite you to follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.

BCP - Book of Common Prayer, or Prayer Book, (red book);

Hymnal (blue book); Hymn numbers beginning with 'S' are found in the front of the Hymnal.

Concluding the Readings

Lectors who read the first and second readings have the option of concluding the lesson by saying "the Word of the Lord," or "Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people." In either case, the people respond by saying, "Thanks be to God," as traditionally has been said at the close of lessons from scripture for centuries.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Grant us, O God, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

Reader A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve

them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE*Beatus vir qui non abiit***PSALM 1***The psalm may be read in unison, or alternately by whole or half verse.*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked*
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,*
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**PHILEMON 1-21***Reader* A reading from Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty,

yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION *At the 10:45 service.*

PALMER RANDALL WELLS
SON OF TROY ROBERT WELLS
AND SHANNON MARIE JOHNSTON

Priest The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents **I present Palmer to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help him to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents **I renounce them.**

Priest Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents **I renounce them.**

Priest Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the of God?

Parents and Godparents **I renounce them.**

Priest Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents **I do.**

Priest Do you put your whole trust in Christ's grace and love?

Parents and Godparents **I do.**

Priest Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents **I do.**

Priest Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The People stand.

Infant Baptism

We welcome infants (and children of any age) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. We don't hesitate to baptize infants and children too young to make vows for themselves because we recognize that the Sacrament is first and foremost a gift from God. A child is no less able to receive that gift than an adult. In these cases, parents and godparents make the vows on behalf of the child. It is expected that when a child reaches an appropriate age, he or she will make a public affirmation of those vows in the service of Confirmation.

Godparents

Godparents are sponsors of a child who is presented for Baptism. They make vows on the child's behalf, along with the parents, and must, therefore, be baptized themselves. Parents often ask special friends or family members to serve as godparents. At one time it was traditional for boys to have two godfathers and one godmother and for girls to have two godmothers and one godfather. This tradition has waned and most infants have a pair of godparents. This decision is entirely at the discretion of the parents.

Eternal Life

Baptism is the sign of new life given to members of the Body. It is assurance that our tendency to make mistakes, to hurt one another, and to fall short of God's highest expectations for us will not prevent God from loving us and bringing us to the promise of salvation and the hope of new life in the world to come. We don't know what happens after death, and we believe that life is not ended at the grave, it is changed. On the other side of the mysteries of death, God waits with promises of good things we cannot even imagine in this life. Baptism is the seal of assurance that these promises are meant for us.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT *At all services.*

- Priest* Let us join with Palmer who is being baptized in Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.
- Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?
- People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- Priest* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- Priest* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
- Priest* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**

The procession of the one to be baptized proceeds from the front of the nave to the font at the entry to the church.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE *At all services.*

Priest Let us now pray for Palmer who receives the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest Grant, O Savior, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ may live in the power of resurrection and look for our savior to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER *At the 10:45am service.*

Priest God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in death. By it we share in resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to our Savior, we bring into his fellowship those who come in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Priest Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM *At the 10:45 service.*

Priest Palmer, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

THE CHRISMATION

Priest Palmer, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim Christ's resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The procession of the newly baptized proceeds from the font to the front of the nave.

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in Christ while respecting the personal space of our neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chrism

Consecrated oil used for anointing the newly baptized person with the sign of the cross at baptism. At this consignation, the bishop or priest says to each newly baptized person that "you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever" (BCP, p. 308). Chrism must be consecrated by a bishop. Chrism is olive oil mixed with a fragrant ointment, usually balsam.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

Presider Jesus says if we would learn from him, we must follow him.

People **Therefore be generous with the fruit of your life and labor on behalf of the good we are called to do for Christ.**

THE OFFERTORY

Please remain seated as the people's offering of bread and wine is brought forward and while the alms basins are passed in the pews.

OFFERTORY MUSIC *At the 10:45 service*

Fantasia

JOHANN PACHELBEL

Please stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN *At the 10:45 service.*

HYMN 380, VS 3 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

THE PRESENTATION

Presider All things come of you, O God

People **And of your own have we given you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your beloved children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim to the glory of your Name:

Holy Baptism and The Eucharist

In Baptism we are made full members of Christ's Body, the church. As full members, all baptized Christians (regardless of age) are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood in the Mass, the Holy Eucharist.

Words of the

Presentation Hymn

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Consecrated Oil in The Episcopal Church

Olive oil that has been blessed is used sacramentally in the liturgical and pastoral ministries of the church. Holy oil is usually applied by the minister of the sacrament to the forehead of the one who is anointed. The minister often applies the oil with the thumb, making the sign of the cross with the oil. Historically, three types of oil have been identified for use in liturgical anointing. Chrism, a mixture of olive oil and fragrant balsam, is used for the anointing after baptism. Chrism may also be used at Confirmations and to anoint newly consecrated bishops. The oil of catechumens was pure olive oil. It was used for the exorcistic anointing prior to baptism. It has also been used at the ordination of priests and the anointing of kings. It is not in common use today. The oil of the sick is also pure olive oil. It is used in the laying on of hands for healing. If a sick person is to be anointed, the priest dips a thumb in the holy oil and makes the sign of the cross on the sick person's forehead

SANCTUS

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:

Presider

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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.

Presider All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **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.**

THE FRACTION

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is crucified for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

The congregation is seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands over your chest.

COMMUNION MUSIC *At the 10:45 service*

Meditation on "Crucifer" CHARLES CALLAHAN

At the conclusion of Communion, a moment of silence is observed.

About Communion

All People seeking to know Jesus Christ and the love of God more deeply are invited to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church.

Please inform an usher if you need to receive Communion at your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Wine (not grape juice) is served from the chalice. If for any reason you prefer not to receive the bread and wine, simply cross your arms over your chest as you come forward that you might receive a blessing instead.

Staying Healthy

As cold and flu season approaches, people sometimes wonder how to avoid the spread of seasonal illnesses. Handwashing, mask wearing, and keeping a distance from others is key.

On the occasion you have a cold (not COVID) and choose to come to church, please wear a mask, please be deliberate about avoiding physical contact by not shaking hands, hugging, or kissing when you greet friends or exchange The Peace. To signal to others that you are keeping to yourself, place your right hand over your heart when you look at them. This will let others know that out of love you are keeping your hands (and your germs) to yourself.

If you are ill it may be best to refrain from sipping or dipping in the communion cup. Receiving Holy Communion in one kind (either the bread OR the wine) is sufficient. In other words, if you only receive the bread, and for the sake of hygiene pass on the wine, then you still have received the complete goodness and grace of God offered in the Sacrament.

Of course, if you have tested positive for COVID, are running a fever, or feeling really terrible, please stay home.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Please stand as you are able.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Presider The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN *Sung at 10:45 service*

HYMN 450, vs. 1-3, 6 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *At the 10:45 service*

Voluntary on "Crucifer" CHARLES CALLAHAN

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector

The Rev. Dillon Green, Curate

Dean Roush, Organist

ACOLYTES:

Adrienne Edwards; Deb Bagby; Danny Blair

CHALICE BEARERS:

Mary Halley; Rick Milhon; Necia Rillema

LECTORS:

John Robison; Mary Druding; Jay Price;

Richard Bowman; Michael Kephart; Tammy Breeden;

USHERS:

Paul Rillema; Johnson Olanya

The 10:45 am service is livestreamed by Wichita Livestream

PARISH PRAYERS

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of Australia

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Trinity, Atchison

Our seminarian, Maddy Bishop;

Those serving in the military: J. David Anderson-Lusk, Will Corkins, Maureen Tanner;

Thanksgiving for the birth of Parker Liam Mather, born Aug. 14 to parents Ashley and Taylor Mather and grandparents Vicky and Jim Petty.

Those who have recently died: Judy Wilkinson, Richard Coleman Clausen; Joyce Essmiller; Terry Downs;

And those who have died in Septembers past: Anne Allen; Virginia Armstrong; Nancy Avery; Betty Bacon; Iris Bain; Walter Bentley; Jim Callender; Colin Carroll; Jackie Davis; Joan Downs; Larry Elliott; L. Fox; The Rev. Jackie Gossard; Jan Hutchison; Janet Jenkins; Philip Knight; Sandra Lyon; Mac McPherson; Craig Miner; Beverly Mitchell; Russell Nelson; José Peggs; Uleta Phelps; Linda Rutherford; Beverly Sarver; Chuck Shield; Chuck Steele; Emmy Lou Stewart; M.P. Van Kueren

Those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity: Jan M.; Edna & James; Janet R.; Martha F.; Lucy C. & family; Diana; Andy; Pat; Arnell & John; Peggy S.; Gary; Deb H.; Bill and Jeri; Tom T.; Tom G.; Jayne P.; Barbara H.; Dana F.; Suzy R.; Phil S., Helen B., Bill and Carolyn, Dave W.; Carole, Kitty; Laura S.; Bob and Sue; Marge R.; Pam M.; Dal; Gus; Joan J.; Martha L.; Betty; Sage; Joseph B.; Sam and Beth; Jerry M.; Joy J.; Jonathan

Worship Livestream

If you aren't able to come to the church building for worship, you are invited to join us for worship at home by visiting our YouTube channel. The 10:45 am service is livestreamed every Sunday on Youtube at www.youtube.com/c/stjameswichita

All members of our parish community are asked to pray for everyone on our prayer list. If you have prayers you would like added to the prayer list, please call or email the office. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. If your prayers have been answered, we would love to rejoice with you. Contact the office at office@stjameswichita.org or 316-683-5686 to let us know that we can remove your prayer request.

The parish prayer list is available each week in the eTower email and in the service bulletin or insert. You are invited to take your bulletin with you so you can continue to pray for those on our list through the week.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Welcome Committee would like to **invite ALL newcomers** to our special tables at **Breakfast Sunday on Sept. 11th**. The tables will be labeled 'Newcomers'. We'd love to get to know each one of you and tell you more about St. James.

We are having "Re-Start"

Sunday this year, look for changes in our programs and activities. **Re-Start Sunday will be September 11** and will include a ministry fair. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping with or having information at the ministry fair.

Breakfast on "Re-Start" Sunday

will not be the same as we have had in the past. The parish will provide donuts, orange juice, and coffee. Everyone who would like to participate is asked to bring a dish for the **Potluck Breakfast**. Sunday, September 11 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. (between the services) in the Guild Hall. Please be sure the items you contribute are ready to be served when you arrive.

The next meeting of the **Daughters of the King (DOK)** will be **Sept. 11**, between services around 9:30am in the Chapel. We look forward to seeing everyone! This year our chapter dues are \$2.00 per person.

St. James/St. Stephen's Book Club is reading *Cloud Cuckoo* by Doerr. They meet every Thursday at noon on Zoom, and welcome new members to join. Questions, contact [Mary Sloan](#).

Lauren Schmeidler, a long-time member, is our **new Nursery Coordinator!** She is planning to **start on Sept 11th** and will be here each Sunday to love and cherish your kiddos in the Nursery. She is trained in CPR and Safeguarding God's Children. As a long-time volunteer in the Nursery, she is excited about this new opportunity. The nursery is open each Sunday from 8:15 am - 12:00 pm and special events for newborns to five years of age. **We are still looking for volunteers to assist Lauren**, contact Chelsea, formation@stjameswichita.org.

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m. for a Potluck Supper and Trivia Night, honoring Father Dillon Green's Ministry at St. James. Come and bring a side dish; ham and dessert will be provided.

Pocket Change Ministry:

The **Wichita Children's Home** is sponsoring a new program called **Crossroads** to aid run-away and troubled teens. The program provides counseling, temporary shelter, job training, and housing placement for teens. We are saving for a \$500 donation to Crossroads. Thank you St. James for generously supporting our Pocket Change Ministry.

There is no **Children's Sunday School or Children's Chapel** on Sunday, Sept. 4. The first Children's Sunday School and Chapel of the school year will be held on the first Sunday in October.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consider EfM - Education for Ministry. This four-year study course is available to anyone interested in broadening their knowledge of the Bible and Theology. Through study, prayer, and reflection, EfM groups move toward a new understanding of the fullness of God's realm. **We will start up on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 pm.** For more information contact Dr. Paul Rillema: paul.rillema@gmail.com or Deb Bagby: debagby@gmail.com

Outreach is still collecting water, socks, and non-perishable food.

Basic A (A is for Anglicanism)

Basic A will begin on **September 20, 2022.** Basic A (A stands for Anglican) is a course open to anyone who would like to learn more about the Episcopal Church. It is especially good for people who are new to St. James and would like to know more about what we believe and what our history is. This course should make you able to discern if this is the church you should join and in which you should become an active part. Basic A will be held on **Tuesday evenings at 6pm,** through November 15th, **in the chapel** at St. James.

Confirmation will be on Sunday, November 20.

If you would like to be added to the class, contact the church office.

WELCOME

**WHOEVER YOU ARE AND WHEREVER YOU FIND YOURSELF
ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**

You will hear these words every week at St. James as we invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments that are God's gifts to all. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty; it is not earned. It is radical and universal. We at St. James seek to mirror God's healing love by making this community a safe place for skeptics, doubters, seekers, those who have been wounded by the church, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered, as well as new believers and those who have never left. As a diverse community we have discovered in God a oneness greater than our differences. We have come to know that our variety reflects the divine comprehensiveness of God. Engaging God is a lifelong process. Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we believe God invites you to keep traveling. In some subtle or profound way, the Spirit of God drew you here. Our hearts are open to God and to you.

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