

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 6, 2021**

WELCOME TO SMSJ



PRELUDE Instrumental

Welcome to Sarah Gray, Guest Musician

OPENING MUSIC "Sanctuary"

John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

ACCLAMATION *(Please stand)*

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit.

OPENING COLLECTS

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.**

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Deacon: Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3: 8-15 (*Please be seated*)

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well
the voice of my supplication.

**If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?**

For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

**I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

**O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;**

With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – “I believed, and so I spoke” – we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Celtic Alleluia” (2x) *Please stand*

Fintan O’Carroll and Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! —

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here

are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Mark 3:20-35

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev'd Cindy Rasmussen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“This I Believe”

*Crocker Matthew Philip and Fielding Benjamin
David*

Please stand

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, into your church and its people. Fill us with the power and purpose of the gospel.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit, into the nations of the world. Rain down your peace onto nations at war or in crisis.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit, into the lives of those in need. We especially pray for _____ . Blanket them with your healing and hope.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit, into our community of faith. Support us in our mission, our celebrations, and our woes.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit, into our thanksgiving for the lives of all the faithful departed.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

CLOSING COLLECT: (Pastor Cindy) Into your care, O God we place ourselves and all our prayers, trusting your promise of new life in Jesus Christ, our risen Savior

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION *(Please be seated)*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

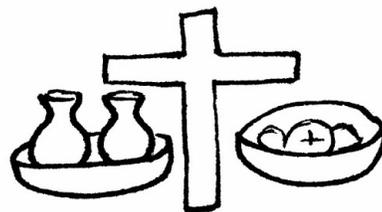
And also with you.

MUSIC

“Crowded Table” *(Please stand)*

Brandie Carlile, Natalie Hemby, and Lori McKenna

Text adapted for worship



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, you made the world and all that is in it;
you made this day and we rejoice in it!

For this is the day your prophets testified about
when you destroy the shroud of death
and open the gates of salvation to all who believe.

You sent your Son, Jesus, among us,
anointed with your Holy Spirit and power
to preach peace and heal all who were oppressed.

Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us,
with earth, sea and sky, with angels and archangels who envelop us,
with all the saints before us and beside us,
with sisters and brothers, east and west, north and south,
And with loved ones, separate from us now, who yet,
in this mystery are close to us,

We join in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity:

**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.**

Blessed are you, O God, who breaks open deep the tomb of our pain,
calls life out of death, and leads all creation into life eternal.

Blessed is your Spirit, that broods over the deep, stirs our hearts, who
comforts and confounds. Your Spirit, that animates all of creation - plants,
animals, and all of us. Your Spirit, that dwells in us.

On the night when he was betrayed,
took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:

**“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, here in this place,
we celebrate the flames that gave birth to the church
And has shared
among his community through the centuries,
and shares with us now.

Come now, O Spirit of Christ, brood over these bodily things,
this bread and this wine.

**May they be for us your body and blood,
vibrant with life, healing, renewing and making us whole.**

Anoint us with your life-giving power that we might recognize your
presence in each and every person

**By Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all
honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we share in this one bread.

The feast of life has been prepared for you -
partake and be filled with the goodness of God.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

*All are welcome to receive communion.
Gluten-free wafers and grape juice is available.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

*“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”
Words & Music: Alan Harvey*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia. Alleluia. Go and tell how God has touched your life.

ALL: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia**



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (June 6th-June 13th)

Monday	1pm	Memorial Service: Kathy Schaertel
	2:30pm	Episcopal 101/ Book Club
	6pm	E.D.E.N. 1199 Culver Garden Captains: Melanie and Judy
Tuesday	9am	Food Shelf Ministry Prep & Unload Foodlink Truck
	10am	E.D.E.N. 408 Rosewood Terr. - Children's Garden Captain: Erin
	10am	E.D.E.N. 336 Parsells Ave. Garden Captain: Deacon Mike
Wednesday	9am	E.D.E.N. Church (1245 Culver) Team Captains: Mary E. and Mary Ellen F.
	10:30-12pm	Food Shelf Ministry
	12pm	Emergency Food Delivery Driver Pick-up
	12:10pm	No Healing Service this Week <i>Weather permitting it will be held in the garden</i> <i>Zoom link is on our homepage stmarksandstjohns.org</i>
	5pm	E.D.E.N. 448 Merchants Rd. Garden Captain: Deb S.
Friday	11:30am	E.D.E.N. Denver Training Garden Captains: Aisha & Becky
Saturday	12pm	Emergency Food Delivery Driver Pick-up Delivery Driver Sheets: Natalie
Sunday	9:15am	WORSHIP

Wednesday & Saturday: Emergency Food Deliveries

We continue to take food and supplies to those in need in the 14621 and 14609 zip codes. If you are interested in being a driver or assisting by preparing delivery routes, etc - on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays let Pastor Cindy know. *Please note: we are now collecting hygiene and cleaning items. Items can be placed in the red wagon.*

SOOP (Summer of Opportunity) Interns

For our fourth summer we are bringing teens to SMSJ to gain important job training and life skills. Their first day will be Tuesday, July 6th and will run for six weeks in the afternoon (1pm-5pm).

Garden Volunteers NEEDED

We need some additional help in two of our gardens. Talk to Pastor Cindy or Deacon Mike if you are interested.

Tuesdays @ 10am 336 Parsells Avenue (Captain - Deacon Mike)

Friday @ 11:30am Denver/Melville (Co-Captains - Aisha & Becky)

E.D.E.N. Honey Bees



A new friend to our community, Nick Lord is now our resident honey bee expert. Two hives are on our flat roof and are thriving. We look forward to learning and tasting our very own E.D.E.N. Honey this summer. Thank you to the Rapp family for donating a number of items.

Farm Stand is Coming

Deacon Mike will once again be our fearless Farm Stand leader this summer. If you are interested in volunteering please see him. The stand will begin Saturday, 10th.

Groups using our Building this Summer

We will be joyfully sharing space with two partners this summer beginning in July. They are Freedom Scholars and Teen Empowerment. They both have missions that align with the work we do here at SMSJ. We're going to have a full house. Thanks be to God.

Episcopal 101 - Now E.D.E.N. Book Club

Our Episcopal 101 class continues to meet virtually (*Zoom - link is on our website homepage stmarksandstjohns.org*) on Monday afternoons from 2-3pm. You're more than welcome to join us one time or multiple times. In the coming weeks we will be reading *People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity* by **Dwight Zscheile** together. Books are now available (\$18).

Prayer Concerns and/or Thanksgivings

Our newsprint "Prayer" board is back. You are welcome to light a candle and put the name(s) of those you would like us to hold in prayer.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

If you'd like to serve as a Reader and/or a Eucharistic Minister please let Deacon Mike or Pastor Cindy know. A schedule for worship participants is now available for June.

Weekly: Help Clean-up following the Service

Each week following the Sunday service we would like to enlist a few volunteers to dust our pews, window sills, clean-up the coffee area if needed, and dust mop the sanctuary floor. If you are interested in helping please sign-up on the newsprint below the prayers.

Next Vestry Meeting

Monday, June 28th at 6pm on Zoom

Pastor Cindy - Vacation

Pastor Cindy will be on vacation from this Wednesday, June 9th- Wednesday, June 23rd. In case of a Pastoral Emergency please call the Rev'd Mike Finn at 585-301-0241.

Date	Greeter & iPad Attendance	First Lesson & Psalm	Second Lesson	Prayers of the People	Hold all Cups	Give single Cup	Collect Cups
June 6, 2021	Sharon - <i>add'l person needs to be trained</i>	Walt S.	Bob V.	Heather G.	Joe C.	Sharon K.	Michele H.
June 13, 2021	Sharon/ Trainee	Sharon K.	Tom F.	Kath J.	X	X	X
June 20, 2021	Sharon/ Trainee	Paula V.	Bob C.	Mary E.	April L.	Heather G.	Stephanie S.
June 27, 2021	Sharon/ Trainee	April L.	Ila B.	Michele H.	Paulette M.	Nancy W.	Mary E.