

Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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September 6, 2026

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II - 10:00 AM



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Welcome to St. Bart's. We are so glad you are here. This bulletin is designed to help you participate fully in our worship. Music that is not printed in the bulletin is found in The Hymnal 1982 or in Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS II Hymnal).

Silent Prayer

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity

Please stand as you are able

Processional Hymn: Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)

Verse 1

Your love is amazing

Steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain
Firm beneath my feet
Your love is a myst'ry
How You gently lift me
When I am surrounded
Your love carries me

Chorus

Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
Your love makes me sing x2

Verse 2

Your love is surprising
I can feel it rising
All the joy that's growing
Deep inside of me
Ev'ry time I see You
All Your goodness shines through
I can feel this God song
Rising up in me

Interlude

Yes You make me sing, Lord You make me sing sing
How You make me sing

Ending

Lord You make me sing, How You make me sing

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

People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

Celebrant and People:

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***Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.***

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Grant us, O Lord, 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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Lesson

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel [33:7-11]

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

People The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40 *Legem pone*

The Psalm is read responsively by half-verse beginning with the Reader.

- 33 Teach me, O God, the way of your statute, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your
judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; * in your
righteousness preserve my life.

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The Second Lesson

Reader: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans [13:8-14]

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

People The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Shall We Gather At The River *(next page)*

The Holy Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [18:15-20]

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

 The Gospel of the Lord.
People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sequence Hymn: Shall We Gather At The River (Hanson Place)

Verse 1

Shall we gather at the river
Where bright angel feet have trod
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God

Chorus

***Yes we'll gather at the river
The beautiful the beautiful river
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God***

Verse 2

On the margin of the river
Washing up its silver spray
We will talk and worship ever
All the happy golden day

Verse 3

Ere we reach the shining river
Lay we ev'ry burden down
Grace our spirits will deliver

And provide a robe and crown

Verse 4

At the smiling of the river
Mirror of the Savior's face
Saints whom death will never sever
Lift their songs of saving grace

Verse 5

Soon we'll reach the shining river
Soon our pilgrimage will cease
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace

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Please be seated

The Sermon:

The Rev. Joseph Shippen

Please stand

The 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.

Please stand or kneel

The Prayers of the People - Form I

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The Leader and the People pray responsively.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For our Bishop, Daniel, our Priest, Joseph, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For our President, Donald, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For North Augusta, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for: Julie, Steve, Susan, Linda, Joyce, Lindsay, John, Bill, Mary, Laurie, Anne, Dexter, Gary, Lil, Carol, Barb, John, Lisa, Becky, Lauren, Cary, & Wil, Jimmy, Pearce, Dolores, Florence, Darren, Hinton & Ginger, and Anne, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the birthdays of Shellie Redwood and Susan Dunlap and the anniversary of Terry and Dee McLane; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Ministry of Christian Formation Leaders and the Commission on Christian Formation. We also pray for the Community Ministry of North Augusta (CMONA); let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ, our God

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Please kneel

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

ALL

**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 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.

Please stand

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory: What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (LEVAS II)

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Please stand

**Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host**

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues,

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel as they are able. The Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming
in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

***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.***

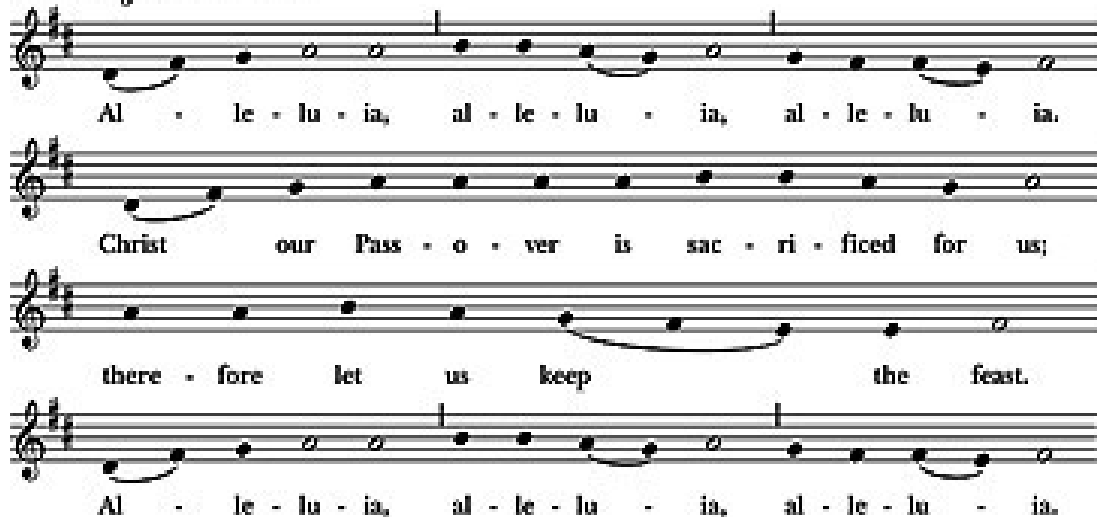
The Breaking of the Bread

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

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This setting is not used in Lent.



The Invitation

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.

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.

Please be seated until such time as the usher indicates that you are invited to come forward to the altar rail for Communion.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please let an usher know if you need to have Communion brought to you. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

(All are invited into Baptism and life in the body of Christ. If you find yourself drawn to life in Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions and have a conversation with you about Baptism.)

Communion: Abide With Me

(Hymnal 1982)

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Please kneel

Prayer after Communion

*After Communion, the Celebrant says,
Let us pray.*

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.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise *(Hymnal 1982)* #423

The Dismissal

The people are dismissed as follows

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***For those who have a specific prayer need, members of the Daughters of the King
will be available for prayer at the altar after the service.***

Prayers for healing: Julie Bush, Steve Dubay, Susan Dunlap, Linda Elston, Joyce Feenstra, Lindsay Ford, John Good, Bill Gray, Bill Jopling, Mary Kral, Laurie Maddox (MaryAnne Good), Anne Mayer, Dexter Mazurkiewicz (MaryAnne & John Good), Gary McCall, Lil Miller, Carol Osteen, Barb Rectenwald, John Rectenwald, Lisa Russ, Becky Sapp, Lauren, Cary and Will Shealy, Jimmy Smith, Pearce Truesdale, Dolores Tyler (Robin Petry), Florence Ussery, Darren Waters, Hinton and Ginger Wells, Anne Zboran.

Birthdays: Shellie Redwood and Susan Dunlap

Anniversary: Terry and Dee McLane

LITURGICAL SERVERS

Lector Barb McCall
Intercessor Jackie Raeth
Eucharistic Minister John Good
Usher David Miller
Altar Guild Barb McCall, Susan Meloan, Mary Beth Pierucci

Pastoral Emergencies

For pastoral emergencies, including hospitalizations, illnesses, deaths, or urgent family concerns, please contact Fr. Joseph at priest@saintbart.org or through the parish office at 803-279-4622. All concerns will be held in the strictest of confidence.

Altar Flowers

We invite you to give altar flowers in loving memory of someone or in thanksgiving for a blessing by signing up for a Sunday in the white Flower Book located in the Narthex, or by contacting Janice at admin@saintbart.org. The cost is \$45 and may be paid by cash or check earmarked "altar flowers" in the Sunday collection. You may also text SAINTBART to 73256 and select "Altar Flowers." Standard messaging rates apply.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Our Guests

We are so glad to have you with us. Please fill out a yellow card and place it in the offering plate. All are invited to Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall after worship.

Centering Prayer and *The Universal Christ* Book Conversation

The Centering Prayer group meets in the Chapel of the David Thompson Ministry Center on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. and Fridays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Newcomers who are curious about Christian meditation are always welcome.

The Friday group has also begun a conversation based on Richard Rohr's book *The Universal Christ*. The book conversation meets at approximately 11:00 a.m., following Friday Centering Prayer. You are welcome to attend Centering Prayer, the book conversation, or both.

St. Bart's Handbell Choir resumes Wednesday | September 9 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Bart's Handbell Choir meets each Wednesday at 6:30 pm on the second floor of the Parish Hall.

Wonderful Wednesday: Calvary

Wednesday | September 9 | Parish Hall

Optional screening at 3:00 p.m. | Potluck and conversation at 5:00 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesday returns with a guided conversation about *Calvary* (2014), starring Brendan Gleeson as a good-hearted priest serving a wounded community in rural Ireland. The film explores institutional sin, forgiveness, suffering, grace, and the cost of loving others faithfully. Please watch the film beforehand or join us for the 3:00 p.m. screening. We will gather for a potluck at 5:00 p.m., followed by a conversation led by Father Joseph. The film is recommended for adults and older teenagers because of strong language and mature themes. All are welcome, and no registration is required.

What If? With Kevin Sharpe

Friday, September 11 | 10:00 a.m. | St. Bart's Chapel

Kevin Sharpe returns for a special morning of Centering Prayer, reflection, and conversation. Beginning with the claim that we are all being called into being, Kevin will invite us to consider what happens when familiar identities and certainties begin to shift – and where God may be calling us then. Everyone is welcome. No previous experience with Centering Prayer is necessary. The optional conversation about Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ* will follow at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Kickoff Sunday: Making Faith Together

Sunday, September 13 | 9:00-9:50 a.m. | Parish Hall

Children, teenagers, and adults – with or without children – are invited to begin a new intergenerational faith-formation experience. Each gathering will include Scripture, wondering together, prayer, and meaningful shared creative response. No art experience is needed, all materials will be provided, and each Sunday will stand on its own. During the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist, seven children and youth will also begin serving in our renewed acolyte ministry. Join us as we begin a new program year and celebrate the gifts of every generation.

Cursillo: Rooted in Grace

Cursillo #151, "Rooted in Grace" will be held **September 17-20**. Cursillo is a three-day weekend of worship, prayer, teaching, fellowship, laughter, and honest conversation. It is designed to help Episcopalians deepen their life with Christ and discover practical ways to live their faith through prayer, study, and action.

Applications are open now. Scholarships are available so that cost does not prevent anyone from attending. If you are curious about Cursillo, considering attending, or simply have questions, please speak with Fr. Joseph or contact him at priest@saintbart.org.

September Ministry of the Month – Kay Bryden Brown Bag Ministry

The Kay Bryden Brown Bag Ministry collects bags of specified groceries every other month and delivers them to The Ledges, an income-based community serving elderly individuals in North Augusta. September grocery lists and bags are located just inside the Parish Hall across from the restrooms. Notecards are inside each bag so you may write a word of encouragement if you like. If you are unable to purchase or bring food, you can make a cash donation marked "Brown Bag" and we will do the shopping for you.

September bags are due no later than Sunday, September 20 for delivery on September 22. For more information on ways to participate in this ministry, please contact Dino Pierucci via text at 803-442-3723.

Vaccine Clinic – Sunday, October 4

St. Bartholomew's will host a vaccine clinic on Sunday, October 4, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., sponsored by Family Pharmacy of Aiken. Available vaccines will include flu, Moderna and Pfizer COVID boosters, RSV, pneumonia, and shingles, first or second dose. Medicare and most private insurance cover the cost. Those who register ahead of time can have their insurance coverage verified by the pharmacy. To register, sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Robin Petry at 706-836-3027 or petrymail@yahoo.com.

This week at St. Bartholomew's

Sunday, 9/6 - The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 am Centering Prayer - David Thompson Ministry Center
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 10:00 am Children's Church
- 11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish Hall
- 5:00 pm Episcopal Youth Community

Wonderful Wednesday, 9/9

- 3:00 pm Screening of Movie - Calvary
- 5:00 pm Potluck and Conversation
- 6:30 pm Handbell Choir

Friday, 9/11 - Church Office Closed

- 10:00 am Centering Prayer - David Thompson Ministry Center
- 10:00 am What If? – with Kevin Sharpe

Sunday, 9/13 – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 am Centering Prayer - David Thompson Ministry Center
- 9:00 am Making Faith Together
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 10:00 am Children's Church
- 11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish Hall
- 5:00 pm Episcopal Youth Community

About St. Bartholomew's

We are called to be an inclusive community where all may encounter God's love. God strengthens, nourishes, and speaks to us through scripture, tradition, and reason.

Our worship services are fully accessible in person and online, supplemented by a variety of other opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. We welcome the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as we seek to follow Christ.

With God's help, we seek to share the unconditional love of Jesus Christ through our outreach and social justice ministries.

All have a place here.