

Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 15

August 16, 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 Hymnal).

Silent Prayer

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity

Please stand as you are able

Processional Hymn: Immortal, invisible, God only Wise *(Hymnal 1982) #423*

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: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 Isaiah [56:1, 6-8]

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 67 *Dues misereatur*

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

- 1 Be merciful to us, O God, and bless us, *
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth its increase; *
may you, our own God, give us your blessing.

7 May you give us your blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.

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The Second Lesson

Reader: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans [10:5-15]

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

People The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness (LEVAS II)

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The Holy Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [15:10-28]
People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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, John, Bill, Bill, Laurie, Anne, Dexter, Gary, Lil, Carol, Barb, John, Lisa,, Becky, Florence, Darren, Hinton & Ginger, and Anne, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the birthday of Marcia Godfrey; and the anniversary of Jim and Shari Scott; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Ministry of the Diocesan Chapters of the Order of the Daughters of the King. We also pray for the Ministry of HOPE 4 Our School faculty, teachers, students, and their families; 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: Desert Song

Verse 1

This is my prayer in the desert
When all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need
My God is the God who provides

Verse 2

This is my prayer in the fire
In weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold
So refine me Lord through the flame

Chorus

***I will bring praise, I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare
God is my victory and He is here***

Verse 3

This is my prayer in the battle
When triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ
So firm on His promise I'll stand

Bridge

All of my life in ev'ry season
You are still God
I have a reason to sing
I have a reason to worship
(REPEAT)

Verse 4

This is my prayer in the harvest
When favour and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again
The seed I've received I will sow

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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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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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The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #169

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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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: Worthy of it All

Verse 1

All the saints and angels
They bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing.

Chorus

***You're worthy of it all
You're worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things
You deserve the glory.***

Repeat all

Bridge

Day and night, night and day, let incense arise
Day and night, night and day, let incense arise
x2

Chorus

***You're worthy of it all
You're worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things
You deserve the glory.***

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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: 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
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
Your love makes me sing***

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 sing
How You make me sing

Ending

Lord You make me sing
How You make me sing

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The Dismissal

The people are dismissed as follows

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve 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, John Good, Bill Gray, Bill Jopling, 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, Florence Ussery, Darren Waters, Hinton and Ginger Wells, Anne Zboran.

Birthday: Marcia Godfrey

Anniversary: Jim and Shari Scott

LITURGICAL SERVERS

Lector..... Hope Anderson
Intercessor Robin Petry
Eucharistic Minister John Good
Usher Cindy Mayberry and Charlie Creech
Altar Guild..... Tranis Harper and Shari Scott

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 do apply.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Our Guests

We are so glad to have you with us. Please fill out a yellow card and drop it in the offering plate, and join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall after the service.

Adult Education: African Bible Study Method

Adult Education meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Adult Education Building. Throughout August, the group will continue using the African Bible Study Method, a gentle and prayerful way of reading Scripture together. No preparation or previous Bible study experience is required. Participants may share or simply listen. Coffee is available, and all are welcome

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 is also beginning a conversation based on Richard Rohr's book *The Universal Christ*. The book conversation will meet at approximately 11:00 a.m., following Friday Centering Prayer. People may attend Centering Prayer, the book conversation, or both.

Crafters for Christ

Crafters for Christ meet this **Tuesday, August 18 at 10:00 a.m.** Members bring skills such as sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, and other handmade work. Projects support parish ministries, outreach, gifts, and special occasions. Bring a project, learn from others, or simply enjoy the fellowship. .

Wonderful Wednesday

On **Wednesday, August 19**, Fr. Joseph will share photographs, stories, and reflections from his family's recent mission journey to Ecuador with education equals Hope. Bring a dish to share for the potluck at 5:00 p.m. The presentation will follow. All are welcome.

EpiscoPals Lunch – Adults 50+

Join the EpiscoPals this **Thursday, August 20, at 11:30 p.m.** at the Bonefish Grill, 2911 Washington Road, Augusta, for good food, relaxed conversation, and warm fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet just inside the Parish Hall so we can estimate how many tables we will need to accommodate this month's group. For more information, please contact Mike Osteen at 803-315-3549.

Daughters of the King

The St. Bartholomew's chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King will meet on **Sunday, August 23, at 11:45 a.m.** after worship in the Nursery. The Daughters commit themselves to prayer, service, and evangelism, and support the parish's pastoral-care ministry.

All women of the parish are welcome. For more information, contact Robin Petry at 706-836-3027 or petrymail@yahoo.com.

Looking ahead to Saint Bartholomew's Weekend and Our 75th Anniversary

Mark your calendars now for Saint Bartholomew's Weekend, August 28, 29, & 30. This year's celebration will be especially meaningful as we give thanks for seventy-five years of worship, welcome, and witness at St. Bart's. On **Friday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m.**, we will gather in the Parish hall for our annual Sock Hop and Ice Cream Social. Volunteer sign-up sheets are located in the Parish Hall

On **Saturday, August 29 at 5:00 p.m.**, we will head to the ballpark for our annual baseball outing. St. Bart's has reserved 50 tickets @\$12 each for the Augusta GreenJackets game against the Myrtle Beach Pelicans. All ticket orders and payments are due no later than **TOMORROW, August 10**. Sign-up in the Parish Hall or contact Janice in the Parish Office at: admin@saintbart.org or call 803-279-4622 ext #1.

On **Sunday, August 30**, Bishop Daniel Richards will join us for this regular parish visitation as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Bartholomew and the 75th anniversary of our parish. At 9:00 a.m., before the service, we will gather outdoors for the blessing and dedication of the Meadow Meditation Garden, the Labyrinth, and the Josephine Shippen Bluebird Trail. The 10:00 a.m. service will follow, with a 75th anniversary reception in the Parish Hall after worship. Come give thanks for the place God has prepared, and help us prepare St. Bart's for the generations still to come.

This week at St. Bartholomew's

Sunday, 8/16 - The Twelfth 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

Tuesday, 8/18

10:00 am CRAFTERS FOR CHRIST

Wednesday, 8/19

4:00 pm Compline with Rosary – Chapel, David Thompson Ministry Center

5:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday Potluck Dinner & Ecuador Presentation

Thursday, 8/20

11:30 am EpiscoPals 50+ Luncheon at Bonefish Grill, 2911 Washington Rd.

Friday, 8/21 - Church Office Closed

10:00 am Centering Prayer - David Thompson Ministry Center

Sunday, 8/23 – The Thirteenth 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

11:45 am Daughters of the King - Nursery

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.