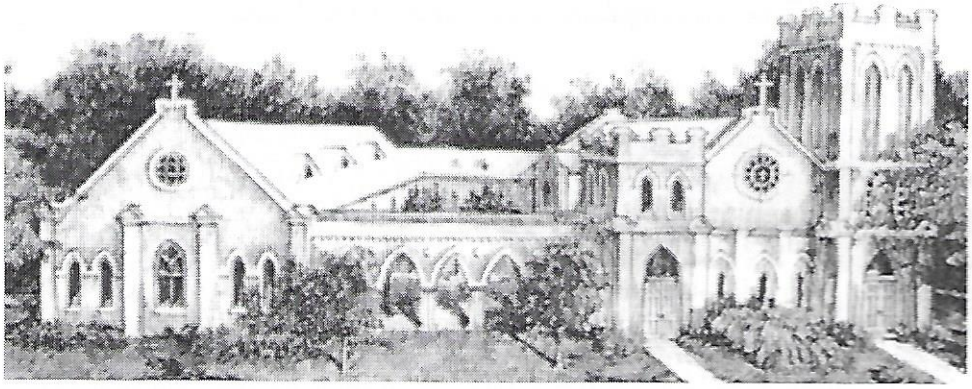

ST. JAMES
Episcopal Church
Eufaula, Alabama

In the service of God and this Community since 1838

June 20, 2021

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Whether you have worshiped here for years or are visiting our Episcopal Church for the first time, we are glad you are with us. We invite all to enter fully into worship and to explore the variety of service, learning, music and other opportunities that are part of our life together. To learn more, visit www.stjameschurcheufaula.com or contact the church office (334) 687-3619.

Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation, so all may prepare heart and mind for worship. All mobile telephones, pagers and electronic devices should be silenced prior to the service.

Prelude — Hymnal

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Entrance Rite

Processional Hymn — Hymnal 429, *Old 113th*

I'll praise my maker while I've breath

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

The Collect for Purity

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.***

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God

The Lessons

The First Lesson

1 Samuel 17: 32-49

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand." When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

After each Reading, the Reader says

The word of the Lord.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 9:9-20

Confitebor tibi

9 The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, *
a refuge in time of trouble.

10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, *
for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.

11 Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; *
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; *
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O Lord; *
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,
O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

14 So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation *
in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, *
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The Lord is known by his acts of justice; *
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, *
and also all the peoples that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, *
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; *
let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O Lord; *
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

The Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return- I speak as to children- open wide your hearts also.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation remains standing for the reading of the Gospel.

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

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

Mark 4:35-41

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Sandra Mayer

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.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, our Archbishop; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Russell our Bishop; and Sandra, our Priest. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe, our President; Kay, our Governor; Jack, our Mayor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We give thanks for the life and ministry of: Terry Bishop as he celebrates his birthday and Fred and Sherrill Dobbs as they celebrate their anniversary this week.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially; Jeff and those you name silently or aloud.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Kneel or stand as able

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People and Celebrant

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.

Celebrant

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

The Peace

All stand. We greet each other in the name of the Risen Christ. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

The Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Eucharist. In keeping with safety procedures and instructions from our Bishop, following the Fraction Anthem, the priest will come to the floor of the church, in front of the steps, to distribute bread. Following the leading of the Ushers, members of the congregation, as able, make their way to the front, keeping social distancing in the communion line, to receive Eucharist, and move either to the left or right and return to their seats. If you do not wish to receive Eucharist, or if you have children who will not receive, please cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

The Offering of our Gifts and Tithes

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord....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

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel or stand as able. Then 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. .....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. ..... 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 for ever. ***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

The People are seated

Music During Communion

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 579, *Melita*

Almighty Father, strong to save

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

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

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

The Dismissal

Processional into the World Hymnal 530, *Gott se Dank*

Spread, o spread thy mighty word

Altar flowers are given by Scott and Susie McCathran in thanksgiving for Samantha.

This Sunday is ingathering for the Food Pantry. Thank you for your contribution.

Please welcome our guest pianist, Cara Hutto.

Assisting with Our Worship—Sunday, June 20, 2021

Acolytes: Zoe Hawkins + **Lay Readers:** Ben Garrison, Connie Lewis + **Prayers of the People:** Linda Perdue + **Videographer:** Lindsey Bennett + **Ushers:** Terry Bishop + **Altar Guild:** Brad and Cyndie Moore, Jo Watson, Ann Bartlett +

Schedule

Monday, 6/21— Bluff City Al-Anon Family Group in Margaret Hall 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 6/22– Food Pantry 9:30-11:00 a.m./**Cub Scouts** in library 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 6/27– Holy Eucharist 10:30

Prayer List

Prayers: Jeff Cumberland

Birthdays: Terry Bishop 6/21

Anniversaries: Fred and Sherrill Dobbs 6/23

Announcements and Happenings

- **VBS**- Please join us Sunday, July 11th at 5:00 p.m. for this year's all ages vacation bible school. We will have a family dinner followed by a biblical story centered on the story of Noah and the ark. Following the passage reading and discussion we will have family craft time.
- **Church Directory**– We need your photos! Christy will begin working on a new photo directory within the next couple of weeks. Please send your individual or family photos to stjames@eufaula.rr.com. Please take this time to update your phone numbers, addresses and/or email addresses if needed.
- **Bluff City Al-Anon Family Group**- This is a non-denominational, spiritual group for family and friends of those that suffer from alcoholism and/or drug addiction. See schedule above for meeting days/times.
- **Altar Flowers**- If you would like to provide flowers for the altar one Sunday, please notify the church office or write your name on the flower chart outside the office. We have several slots available throughout the rest of the year.
- **Food Pantry- The Food Pantry is in need of canned vegetables, fruit and soup.** Our food pantry continues to provide food bags to those in need each Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. You can donate food by dropping it at the church office. This is a vital ministry, especially in these challenging times. We have implemented safety measures to protect both patron and volunteer. These measures include no more than one person in the church at a time, a distribution protocol, gloves, etc. **If you would like to volunteer to work the Food Pantry, please contact Catherine Lehman or the church office.**