



Church of the Epiphany

FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP

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Getting Familiar With the Lectionary! #2

From time to time this Newsletter has featured explanations concerning the Church document called The Lectionary. This article will go over already covered material, but it is informative to refresh our understanding of the document.

From the development of the Christian Church Year there was the need to read from the Bible appropriate biblical scripture for the festival being observed. During the formative times of the First and Second Centuries there was not a good deal of officially chosen readings for any Sunday but the rule was that it was always "scripture." The development of the entire New Testament slowly became more stable, and the first collection of assigned readings were to cover Holy Week and the Easter Vigil. Ancient weekly

assigned readings slowly evolved and became the Lectionary. It prepared the readings for the year with the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke to be read through the three-year cycle with portions of the gospel of John inserted at times. The arrangement of the readings was an Old Testament section, a Psalm, a New Testament reading and the Gospel. This arrangement was in place through the first half of the church year from Advent to Pentecost. The Old and New Testament readings were seen as a unit that reflected God's dealing with Israel and God's new revelation by the Son of God and the New Israel. The disadvantage to this is that the Hebrew Scripture does not reflect God's dealing with us.

The lectionary is rooted in the Gospel Story and the preaching narrative of scripture covered the Fall, and Redemption, and Restoration.: From Pentecost until the Sunday before Advent (Christ the King Sunday) the Church year is designated as Ordinary Time. The first part of the year is referred to as Narrative Time. Narrative Time is the resource of how God dealt with, is dealing with us and will deal with us. Ordinary Time tells us how we should respond. This is a good starting place of understanding the Church Year and living it as we should.

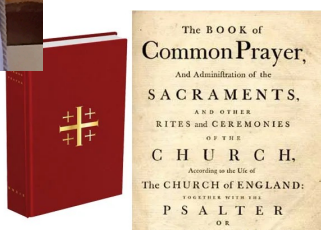
The purpose then for the lectionary is to give the preacher a guideline for covering the important scripture we live by. This guide is flexible, and the preacher has the choice of using the assigned readings or modifying them to meet any current situation the church may face. Frequently it is important to enlarge a reading to

cover the topic at hand and expand the emphasis of the sermon by additions to the reading. During July and August, the Epistle reading was from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. To cover the teaching of Paul it seemed valuable to expand the reading beyond its assigned verses. The lectionary allows this at the discretion of the preacher. This past Sunday, the story in Mark of Jesus healing the deaf and dumb man was paired with the Isaiah reading from chapter 35 and his prophecy. This was the example of the Old and New sharing the story of speech impairment as a focus in both readings. The Old Testament prophesied that the Messiah would come and in Mark we have the truth of that happening.

The first part of every Eucharist. Sunday by Sunday and season by season is devoted to the reading of the Word. This Christian experience of being informed by scripture is the purpose of the Lectionary. There have been many different lectionaries in the history of the church. The one we use is the ACNA's Lectionary published in our Anglican Book of Common Prayer, 2019. The reading of scripture in the liturgy of the Church is the most important feature of any act of worship.

Blessings on your Bible reading!

Pastor Fred+



ADSW Standing Committee Report for August 2024

Bishop Steven shared with the Standing Committee several thoughts on the structuring of the ACNA in relationship to the bishop's as discussed at the ACNA Synod in June.

3 points: 1) Subsidiarity which is a principle that involves sharing power between different levels of authority - this aims at insuring decision-making happens at the most appropriate level so that everyone affected can contribute. Emphasizes matching authority with responsibility.

2) the ACNA is a conciliar church in which both clergy and laity participate in church governance.

3) Bishops are to behave as servants and not as an imperial leader that summons people. Therefore the ACNA will be organized to be "lean at the top". In short, the body of the church remains the body and is where the most participation and governing should occur. Participation of the laity is highly encouraged.

With the expansion of the diocese, we are looking at receiving 25 new clergy (10 of these from Mexico) and with the number of clergy becoming so large in our diocese, a reorganization of the standing committee might have to be considered, and voting may have to be restructured. As things stand now, the 2 congregations in Colorado being brought in will be in the Albuquerque northern NM district and the 2 Oklahoma parishes will be taken into the West Texas district.

Sept 28, there will be an Inquirers zoom meeting for those interested in becoming a Deacon.

Trinity School for Ministry has a new name, "Trinity Anglican Seminary."

Respectfully submitted, Annette Fazenbaker,
El Paso Deanery Representative to Standing Committee.



PRAYER can happen in lots of ways. Our day may begin with, “Thank you, Lord, for the wake-up call and the promise of a new day!” Our day may end with thanksgiving for the day and a plea for restful sleep. Bracketing our days this way helps keep us mindful of God’s ongoing presence with us and can discourage distractions of various sorts.

For those times we set aside for more intense concentration on prayer, we can turn to various resources. One of the best is familiar to all of us. It is titled the **BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER**. As we might expect, the contents are centered on prayer. Indeed, the Eucharistic Prayers, the Daily Office (Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Compline), Family Prayer, and other prayer-filled rites, such as Baptism and Confirmation, are included. But there is also a section on **Collects and Occasional Prayers** beginning on page 598. Collects (prayers collecting the major themes of the day’s readings) for each Sunday of the year and for special worship times are set forth through page 640. Then we find the four-page **Table of Contents for Occasional Prayers**, followed by the prayers themselves. The selections cover much of what concerns us in our day-to-day lives.

Forming the habit of daily prayer can be a challenge. If you love reading, resources about prayer are available in abundance in print and online. While study is always important, it is often helpful to simply set aside a time and place to talk (AND listen) to God each day. If you were in church on Sunday, September 1, perhaps you remember these suggestions:

Some people have a prayer closet. Others love journaling. Just this past week an image formed in my mind of meeting God on his front porch. Most of you will remember how things were back then, in the days before gated communities and concrete block walls all around each house. Most homes were built with a front porch, one like we have on our church building. The front porch was where you could sit and watch the world go by and not be distracted by the TV or the cell phone or your email. It was where you could wave to those passing by, and where your neighbors could sometimes join you for coffee or tea and share what’s going on in life. The front porch I envision is on God’s house where we will be able to visit regularly. Our God does not live in a gated community. There are no walls all around. All we must do, Jesus told us, is ask, seek, and knock. So we ask around, hopefully finding a church community that can provide directions to God’s house. We seek Him out, learning about Him in Scripture and song, and we come to where He lives. Perhaps we dare climb the front steps and go up on the porch. We knock on the front door, knowing He will come out and that we will be meeting and talking with Him and His Son and His Spirit. He is the best neighbor of all and we love having Him around. We are welcome anytime and His spiritual presence goes with us.

My prayer is that you will find the time and the place to share the thoughts of your hearts with God each and every day. May you also come to know the breadth and depth of God’s heart.

Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor

Epiphany's Annual Labor Day Garage Sale! Saturday, August 31st

We set up the sale on Wednesday, August 28. We are so grateful to all who helped with the set up and sale. Some brought friends and we made new ones. Many thanks to Paul & Annette & Fazenbaker, Bill Haynes, Becca Price, Doug Price, Susan and John Scott, Donya Conine, Hannah Conine, Trevor Conine, Fran and Tom Gregg, Katy Bailey, Nancy Hiemark, Southern Longoria, Susie and Charles Stigall, Karli Sorensen, Pastors Fred and Frank, and Nancy Griffin.

We thank Bill Haynes, Darcy Ellis, and the Fazenbakers, the Scotts, and the Fyocks, for their significant donations of items for the sale.

We opened the doors bright and early on Saturday morning to a line at the door which didn't slow for several hours! God was good and the showers predicted held off until after the sale.

Annette provided soup and cornbread to sustain us while we set-up on Wednesday. We provided fresh baked cookies and coffee for our customers on Saturday. We fortified ourselves with chicken salad sandwiches as we cleaned up Saturday afternoon.

With pre-sales of the jewelry, the sale raised \$3836,00. Thank you, one and all!

God is good all the time!

Below: Annette and Fran search for treasures!



On Wednesday, above: Nancy Hiemark, sorted books, Fran and Pastor Fred hung art objects, Below: Becca and Susan maintained the jewelry table.



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Above left: Becca and Susan helping jewelry buyers; above right: Shoppers on Saturday.



Below left: Donya at the door, as our treasurer for the sale, assisted by Karli Sorensen.

Farewells to all our summer people! You have blessed us!

Summer is coming to a close and it goes way too fast! We have to say goodbye to those who have been with us this summer, we hope some may return for Fall visits and Christmas festivities. We are sad that John and Susan Scott will be leaving the mountain as they have sold their summer cabin and will not be returning. We have been blessed over the years with their presence at Epiphany and we wish them well as they return to their south Texas home.

We thank Nancy Knowles for taking over the music for August and September. Nancy will be returning to Florida at the end of the month. We look forward to her returning to Epiphany next summer.

We are grateful for our new friends that have worshipped with us this summer and hope they will return whenever they visit the mountains. May God be with you all and blessings for a lovely Fall.

Prayer List For Those in the Armed Forces

Epiphany Military Prayer List

Dominick Rankin, USArmy, Ft. Bliss, TX
Gabriella Murley, US Army, Ft. Bliss, TX
Mason Gregg, US Marines, Camp Courtney,
Okinawa
Creed Napier, USAF
JW Grove, US Navy, USS Halsey, DDG 97
Nicholas Tran, USAF, Joint Base Lewis-McChord,
Shawn Zima, US Army, Hong Kong
Wyatt Green, US Navy

31. PRAYER FOR AN ELECTION

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide and direct, we humbly pray, the minds of all those who are called to elect fit persons to serve [in _____]. Grant that in the exercise of *our* choice we may promote your glory, and the welfare of this *nation*. This we ask for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. Pg. 655 ABCP

Four Churches Joining the ADSW

The final authority on admittance of congregations is the ADSW Synod, will take place in November 12-14 of this year, in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. We welcome:

Emmaus Anglican, Castle Rock, CO

Fr. Theron Walker

Resurrection Anglican Fellowship, Greenwood Village, CO

Fr. Phil Eberhardt

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Owasso, OK

Fr. Chris Waters

Christ the Redeemer, Oklahoma City, OK

Fr. Brad Van Deventer

Praise Reports

- For** a very successful garage sale and for all who helped, supported and attended.
- For** Bill Haynes who donated the jewelry section of the sale and to Annette Fazenbaker who cleaned and priced the items.
- For** Donya who counted all the proceeds and deposited the money
- For** a new bookkeeper for Epiphany, many thanks to Doug Price.
- For** Epiphany's new website, many thanks to Sarah Griffin.
- For** recoveries of Wayne Conine Jr., Susan Scott, Richard Hoepner, and David Griffin

Prayer Concerns

- For** Wally Skidmore's heart valve procedure on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Pray that it doesn't get postponed again!
- For** Hannah Conine as she finishes her GED this month.
- For** all students as they return to school
- For** David, Mico and Abby LaMaster as they work through the immigration process for Mico and Abby.
- For** safe travel for all our summer people returning home
- For** Fr. Frank and Carolyn Wilson, George and Gayla Chapman, Patty Kendrick, and all our caregivers
- For** the ADSW synod in November in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.
- For** the Diocese and Bishop Steven, for Fr. Frank as co chair of the ROC committee and for Annette Fazenbaker as a deanery representative to the Standing Committee of the Diocese.
- For** the 4 new churches going the ADSW in November. See listing on this page.
- For** church plants within the diocese: Light of Life Ministries, Emmaus Anglican Church, Albuquerque; Comunidad del Rey de Justicia, Iglesia Piedra Angular, Juarez MX; Comunidad de Gracia, Xalpa, MX

September Service Schedule LEMS & Lectors

The Rev. Willis F Griffin, Pastor
The Rev. Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor

Pentecost 15 - Sunday, September 1 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Fr. Frank
LEM Karli Sorensen
Lector Paul Fazenbaker

Pentecost 16 - Sunday, September 8 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred
LEM Patrick Zima
Lector Dona Conine

Pentecost 17 - Sunday, September 15 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Fr. Frank
LEM Karli Sorensen
Lector Annette Fazenbaker

Pentecost 18 - Sunday, September 22 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred
LEM Patrick Zima
Lector Nancy Griffin

Pentecost 19 - Sunday, September 29 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Fr. Frank
LEM Karli Sorensen
Lector Paul Fazenabaker

Pentecost 20 - Sunday, October 6 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred
LEM Patrick Zima
Lector Dona Conine



September

Sept. 1- Annette Fazenbaker
Sept. 8 - Potluck
Sept. 15 - Nancy Griffin
Sept. 22-
Sept. 29 -

Sign-up sheets are on the table.

September Event Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 8

Potluck after the service

Thursday, Sept. 12

Clergy zoom conference, 4 pm and 7 pm

Saturday, Sept. 28

Diaconate Enquirer's zoom meeting



Nancy Knowles, middle, with her two granddaughters; left: Gabriella Murley, 2nd LT. Stationed at Ft. Bliss and right: Caris Murley, a professional singer in Las Vegas. We thank Nancy so much for doing our music this summer. Please keep her in prayer for a safe trip back to her Florida home at the end of the month.



September Birthdays

Bert Hungerford - 6
Allysa Conine - 6
John Scott - 12
Paul Coleman - 23
Char Jagoe - 27

September Anniversaries

Charles and Susie Stigal - 15

ACNA Lectionary B for September

Pentecost 15 • September 1, 2024

Deuteronomy 4:1-9
Psalm 15
Ephesians 6:10-20
Mark 7:1-23

Pentecost 16 • September 8, 2024

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:31-37

Pentecost 17 • September 15, 2024

Isaiah 50:4-9
Psalm 116:1-9
James 2:1-18
Mark 9:14-29

Pentecost 18 • September 22, 2024

Wisdom 1:16-2:1
Psalm 54
James 3:16-4:6
Mark 9:30-37

Pentecost 19 • September 29, 2024

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-17
Psalm 19:7-14
James 4:7-12
Mark 9:38-48

Pentecost 20 • October 6, 2024

Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 2:8-18
Mark 10:2-16

The Head of the Church is Jesus Christ

The Anglican Church in North America,

The Rt. Rev. Foley Beach, Archbishop

Diocese of the Southwest,

Bishop Steven Tighe

The Church of the Epiphany

The Rev. Willis F. Griffin, Pastor

The Rev. Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor

Musicians: Esther Fyock, Stan & Sandy Thomas.

Donya Conine, Senior Warden

Annette Fazenbaker, Junior Warden

Doug Price/Bookkeeper

Church Board

Karli Sorensen Aguilar,

Patrick Zima, Nancy Griffin, Clerk

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere where the Word of God fills each person with an understanding and renewal of their faith in Christ.

Outreach, both within our own community as well as abroad, is a further extension of this faith.

Romans 10:17 ~ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.

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The Anglican Church in North America, The Rt. Rev. Steve Wood, Archbishop

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Christ the King, Albuquerque (Rev. Peter Falk, Deacon Bill Lock); Church of our Lord, Albuquerque (Rev. Harold Trott, Michael Kline); Emmaus Anglican Church, Albuquerque (Revs. Greg & Noel Pfeifer; Christ Church, Farmington (Revs. Carl & Barbara Brenner); St. Clement's, El Paso (Revs. Bill Cobb,

Rick Milliorn, Eduardo Gonzalez, Ken Hanna, Michael Sheehan,, Deacon Courtney Brown) Rey de Paz, El Paso (Rev. John Dixon,); Good Shepherd, San Angelo (Rev. Hal Scott); St. Stephen's, Roswell (Rev. Bob Tally); Holy Trinity, Silver City (vestry); All Saints' and St. Paul's, Midland Texas (Rev. Tom Finnie); Church of the Epiphany, Cloudcroft, NM (Revs. Fred Griffin and Frank K. Wilson); Iglesia La Trinidad, Guadalajara (Lay Leader, Miguel Meriono Lobos) Iglesia de Jesus & Jesus es la Resurreccion, Aguas Caliente, Mexico (Revs. Elias Rosales Mendez and Maria del Rayo Jimenez Victoria, Deacon Roger Griffin); Gran Pastor, Fresnillo, Mexico (Sr. Warden, Norma Rodriguez, Missionary Meredith Omland); Good Shepherd, Hill New Mexico (Rev. Farhid Adabache); Iglesia Anglicana, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (Rev. Jack Wehrs, Deacon Fernando Sandoval); St. James, Dalhart, Texas (Rev. Philip Ray).

For: Trevor & Donya Conine, Wally Skidmore; Trevor Conine Jr., Carolyn Wilson, Eddie Aguilar, Chip & Alyssa Taylor and Julius; George & Gayla Chapman, Patty Kendrick, Harry Duval, **For Our Service People:** Dominick Rankin, Mason Gregg, Gabriella Murley, J.W. Grove, Nicholas Tran, Shawn Zima, Wyatt Green, Creed Napier, Quincy Prince, and all the service men and women, all police and first responders.