

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Lewisville, Texas

To be a home where Love of God and Neighbor grows.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II WITH CONFIRMATION OCTOBER 26, 2025

For Your Children

- Nursery: Our staffed Nursery is available to children up to four years old from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Angel Buddy Bags: Angel Buddy Bags with activities are in the Narthex for children ages 5-7 years.
- Children's Chapel: Children's Chapel is offered during the school year at the 11:00 a.m. service for children ages 4-7 years.

Christian Formation

- Christian Formation is offered during the school year for ages four to adult from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. To locate a class, please see an Usher.

Receiving Communion in the Episcopal Church

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you. If you desire to receive communion on this occasion and are baptized with water in the name of the Trinity, we invite you to do so. If you would like a blessing, but not communion, please come forward and cross your arms. If you have trouble kneeling, please remain standing at the altar rail. If you have trouble walking, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to your seat. Please feel free to consult on this matter with the clergy.

GLUTEN INTOLERANT - Please let an Usher know if you are gluten intolerant, and they will arrange to have gluten free wafer and wine available to you at the altar rail.

- **Large print and Spanish prayer books** are available. Please see the ushers if you would like one.
- **Hearing Assistance** devices are available from our ushers before services.
- **Silence Electronic Devices**
Please make sure all electronic devices are on SILENT before the worship service begins.

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Prelude	<i>Peace in the Valley</i>	Arr. Allen Buffington
Opening Hymn	<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing!</i>	Insert
Opening Acclamation		BCP 299
Gloria in excelsis		BCP 356/Hymnal S280
Collect of the Day		BCP 234
The First Reading		Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

The Psalm	Psalm 65
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- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak
themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

The Second Reading

II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Sequence Hymn*For the Fruit of All Creation***Insert****The Gospel****Luke 18:1-8**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Homily**The Right Reverend James M. Stanton****Presentation and Examination of the Candidates****BCP 303****The Baptismal Covenant****BCP 304****Prayers for the Candidates****BCP 305****Confirmation, Reception, & Reaffirmation****BCP 309****The Peace****BCP 310****Birthday and Anniversary Blessings****Birthday Prayer:**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Announcements**Offertory***Cantate Domino***Arr. Allen Buffington****Doxology***verse 3***Hymnal 380****HOLY COMMUNION****The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharist Prayer B)****BCP 367****Sanctus***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord***BCP 367/Hymnal S129****The Lord's Prayer****BCP 364****The Breaking of the Bread****BCP 364**

Fraction Anthem
Communion

BCP 364

Communion Music

In the Sweet By and By

Arr. Howard Helvey

Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Prayer

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent from the table to take Communion to those who are home-bound or hospitalized, the following prayer will be said:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

Hymnal 636

Dismissal

BCP 366

Postlude

Peace in the Valley Reprise

Clarinet Quartet

Special thanks to these guest musicians for enriching our worship today:

Dr. Allen Buffington, Anita Hopkins, Polly Ford, and Krista Rupert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome the Rt. Reverend James Stanton 6th Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, as he administers the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Congratulations to those being confirmed, received, and reaffirming their faith this morning:

Kory Kaspar

Lyndell Oliver Jr.

Eddie Victorino

Morgan Kaspar

Teresa Oliver

Name Tags Help Us Stay Connected

Please remember to wear your name tag on Sundays — it's a simple way to help us recognize one another and strengthen our sense of community. If you don't have a name tag, please fill out the form located on the table at the courtyard entrance near

the nursery. New name tags are \$5. Thank you for helping make Annunciation a welcoming and connected church family!

There is a reception after the service to honor our Confirmation Candidates, and to welcome and get to know Bishop Stanton.

October/November Outreach

Pullout your knitting needles and crochet hooks, scout out stores for good deals and/or search your home for gently used ski caps and gloves. It gets very cold out in the desert, sending caps and gloves to St. Christophers gives them an outreach opportunity to the folks in their community. A box will be set out in the narthex during the month of November.

From Health and Wellness Ministry

October is National ADHD Awareness Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Book Club meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Oratory Chapel. Join us for lively conversation and fellowship! All are welcome!

Upcoming Reads:

- November 10th - *James* by Perceval Everett
- December 8th - *The Gift of the Magi* by O'Henry

Fireside Fridays are coming soon! Please mark your calendars for November 7th and 14th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. You're warmly invited to an evening of fellowship, conversation, and relaxation by the fire in the courtyard with Mtr. Carolyn & John Bartkus. We'll have a cozy fire, refreshing drinks, and delicious treats including a cheese charcuterie board and a fun s'mores board. Whether you're here for the conversation, the snacks, or just to unwind, we would love to share this time with you. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mark your Calendars: Commitment & Celebration Sunday will be Nov. 16th, 2025. We will have one worship service at 9:30am. Followed by mission & ministry updates and the Annual Chili and Mac & Cheese Cook-off lunch.

Vestry and Diocesan Delegate Candidates

Are you called to help shape the future of our church community?

Do you feel inspired to support our mission of being a home where love of God and neighbor grows? Are you interested in staying connected with what's happening in the Diocese and helping guide their direction?

If so, this is your opportunity to get involved.

We are currently seeking parishioners to serve in two important leadership roles:

- **Vestry Member:** We have *three* open positions, each serving a **3-year term**.
- **Delegate to the Diocesan Convention:** We are allocated *four* positions, each serving a **1-year term**.

If you're interested in learning more, please reach out to:

- **Mtr. Carolyn Bartkus** at carolyn.bartkus@annunciationlewisville.com
- **Laura Braun** at laura.braun1031@gmail.com

You're also encouraged to speak with any current Vestry member or Diocesan Delegate to hear about their experiences. Job descriptions and nomination forms for both roles are available.

Nomination forms are due by Sunday, November 19, 2025

Elections will take place at our **Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25, 2026**.

Please prayerfully consider serving in one of these vital ministries. We would be delighted to share more with you and receive your nomination.

Let us pray for our church family. This week, please remember in your prayers those in our community, especially... Alan, Anne, Betsy, Bill, Bill, Candy, Cathy, Chad, Connie, Don, Doug, Dylan & Hannah, Emilia, Eric, Frank, Gail, Jane, Jayice, Jerry, Jim, J' Lane, Joan, John, Justin, Kalli, Karen, Kenny, Laura, Marcelle, Margaret, Marian, Melissa, Nancy, Nicole, Nicia, Pam, Paul, Paul, Penny, Polly, Ray, Regan, Rick, Robert, Ron, Sam, Sandra, Terry, Walter, Wayne, and Zoey.

We ask you to watch over those in the service of our country... Alton, Andrew, Brandon, Charles, Cody, Devin, Gabe, Grady, Hannah, Houston, Jaden, Juston, Kyle, Laney, Liam, Nyah, Owen, Rachel, Richard, Robert, Tony, and Will.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week... Dianne Aynes, Charles Biggs, Laura Braun, Anita Cassidy, Marian Ellis, Bill Gensert, Brian Johnston, Sharon Kohl, Sherry Miller, Julie Petre, Cindy Simpson-Scharff, Rt. Rev. James Stanton, and Blake Wegener.

We give thanks for the birth of Ryder Stanton Sherwood (born on Oct. 6th), son of Dylan and Hannah Sherwood and grandson of John and Sharon Sherwood.

We pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week... Michael and Kaitlyn Juroska, Ed and Nancy Stone.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church in Wales.

In the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, we pray for the Evangelism Commission and Harvest Prayer Network.

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