

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Lewisville, Texas

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



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 – 9:30 AM

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.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Silence Electronic Devices
Please make sure all electronic devices are on SILENT before the worship service begins. |
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Prelude	<i>Lied, Op.31 no.17</i>	Louis Vierne
Opening Hymn	<i>We Gather Together</i>	Hymnal 433
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis		BCP 356/Hymnal S280
Collect of the Day		BCP 235
The First Reading		Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord-- and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah	Isaiah 12:2-6
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Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Second Reading

II Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Sequence Hymn

All My Hope on God is Founded, vs. 1-2, 4-5

Hymnal 665

The Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of

my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Homily

Rev. Carolyn Bartkus

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People Form III

BCP 387

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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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; especially Father René Somodevilla

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.

For those in our community in special needs of prayer especially....Alan, Anne, Betsy, Bill, Bill, Candy, Cathy, Chad, Connie, Don, Doug, Dylan & Hannah, Emilia, Eric, Frank, Gabe and Angel, Gail, Jane, Jayce, Jerry, Jessica, Jim, J' Lane, Joan, John, Justin, Kalli, Kallie, 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... Chase Akin, Mark Caputo, MaryAnn DuTeil, Doug Harper, Allison Hart, Shirley Jones, Declan Mock, Nancy Parker, and Croft Stevens.

We pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week... Jessie and Dianne Aynes, Joshua Chanin and Carly Fagnant-Chanin, John and Sharon Sherwood, Scott and Jennifer Williams.

Altar flowers today are given by Jessie and Dianne Aynes in thanksgiving for their 40th anniversary.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

In the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, we pray for the Lay Order Ministry and the Commission on Ministry.

Silence *The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

The Confession	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
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/she* begins another year. Grant that *he/she* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Announcements

Offertory Hymn	<i>As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought</i>	Hymnal 705
Doxology	<i>verse 3</i>	Hymnal 380

Blessing of the Pledges 2025

Gracious and generous God, you have called us to walk together in faith and to share in the work of your kingdom with hearts open to your grace. Today we place before you these pledge cards, signs of our love, our gratitude, and our hope.

Bless these pledges and bless each giver and all those who give of their time, talent and treasure, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: May our offering strengthen the life of this parish.

We thank you for the journey we share in this community for worship that nourishes us, for ministries that touch lives, and for hands and hearts that work together in your name. As we take our next faithful steps, fill us with your Spirit of trust and generosity. Make us steadfast in faith, creative in service, and joyful in giving, so that all we do may proclaim your love in the world. Guide us, O God, on this journey of faith and generosity.

People: Walk with us and make us one in your love.

Bring to completion the good work you have begun in us, that in all things we may serve you with faith and humility. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharist Prayer B)		BCP 367
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	BCP 367/Hymnal S129
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364
Fraction Anthem		BCP 364
Communion		
Communion Music	<i>Be Still My Soul</i>	J. Sibelius
	<i>Tessa Johnston, Clarinet</i>	Arr. R. Hoffman
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

Lord of All Hopefulness, Lord of All Joy

Hymnal 482

Dismissal

BCP 366

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Today we celebrate the culmination of our stewardship journey. As one community—*Together on the Journey of Faith and Generosity*—we offer our pledges and prayers for the year ahead.

Every commitment is an act of gratitude and hope for the ministry we share. May our giving reflect our trust in God's promise to guide and sustain us on the journey ahead.

Angel Tree - Thank you so much to all who responded to our Angel Tree and the MES donations. A couple of notes:

1) Someone chose Angel entitled **Degan44**. Thank you so much! We apparently handed you the sheet on the Angel. However, we failed to have you sign the Angel out with your name and contact information. Could you please send your information to Dianne @ dianneaynes@gmail.com, so she may update our records.

2) for those still considering adopting an angel, we have 11 left ranging in age from elementary to middle to high school. Please either contact Dianne @ dianneaynes@gmail.com OR plan to adopt after today's service.

All angel gifts are to be returned unwrapped, in either a bag or box, to the narthex near the tree, with the lower portion of the information sheet you were given attached to either that bag or box. If you want to include gift wrap, you are more than welcome, but please just put it in the bag with the gifts. If you have any questions, please contact Dianne at the above email address. She checks that email often.

Book Club Please join your Annunciation Book Club on December 8th, at 6:30, in the Oratory Chapel, as we discuss both **The Gift of the Magi** and **The Ransom of Red Chief**, two short stories by O'Henry. We will share snacks provided by regularly attending book club members - please bring your own drink. Hope to see you there!

Thanksgiving Eve Service – Please join us Wednesday, November 26th in this Holy Eucharist service of gratitude at 7:00 p.m.

Preparing our Hearts for Advent

Please join us Sunday, November 30th at 9:45am in the Oratory Chapel and Welcome Center as we make Advent Wreaths. (One per family). All supplies will be provided. Please register on the sign-up board in the Narthex by Nov 23rd.

Food Drive - Many people are struggling with food scarcity and food costs. We are launching a food drive to donate to Christian Community Action and to Farmers Market Food Pantry to assist those in need of food assistance in the Lewisville and surrounding communities. Please consider donating whatever you can, whether several items or a single can -- every little bit helps our friends and neighbors. We will be collecting the following items now through November 30:

Canned meats: tuna, chicken, ham, sardines	Canned soup needing only water
Precooked rice, store in pantry, heat to eat	Canned vegetables
Powdered milk/dried milk	Canned fruit
Packaged meals needing only water	Dried fruit

Anything else you can think of that doesn't require extra ingredients to prepare. Please bring items over the next few weeks and deposit in the container in the Narthax. Thank you for your generous heart in helping our neighbors.

The Lector Ministry is looking for a parishioner to join our ministry of bringing God's words to the congregation at the 8:30 am service on the 1st Sunday of each month. No worries about 'challenging words' (there's a pronunciation guide) and you'll have the readings in advance to review. We're a fun and friendly group who are always willing to swap Sundays or fill in if you are ill. Please consider being part of this ministry - it will fill your heart with joy. With questions or to volunteer, please see Anne Moon (annemhmoon@gmail.com). Give it some thought and prayer - we might be where God is calling you to.