



ST. BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

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The mission of St. Benedict's Church is to "know Christ's love and to make His love known"

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One
MAY 6 AND 7, 2017

Weekend Schedule

Saturday: Holy Eucharist Rite II – 6:00 pm

Sunday: Morning Prayer - 7:45 am

Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8:00 am

Eucharist Rite II – 10:00 am

(With Sunday school for Children and Youth of all ages)

Weekday Eucharist/Prayer in Community

Tuesday: Intercessory Prayer Group – 8:00 am

Tuesday: Holy Eucharist - 8:30 am

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist/Healing Service – 7:00 pm

Thursday: Holy Eucharist – 8:30 am

Order of Service - Holy Eucharist: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 355) – 8:00 am (BCP 323)

The Collect

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10:1-10)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

Sermon/Homily: 6:00 pm Saturday - Father Jeremy Froyen

8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday - Archdeacon Thomas Bruttell

Prayers of the People: 6:00 pm & 10:00 am: Form I; 8:00 am (BCP 328)

Blessings for anniversaries and birthdays and the laying on of hands for healing

The Great Thanksgiving: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 361); 8:00 am (BCP 333)

Post Communion Prayer: BCP, 365 (8:00 am BCP, 339)

Sending out the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: N. (and N.) we send you out to share Communion this week with (names).

People: *May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*

Celebrant: May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **People:** *Amen.*

CALLING ALL SHEPHERDS!

During the winter, shepherds kept their sheep in a protective sheepfold. A low wall with a gate surrounded the fold. The shepherds called their sheep by name, and the sheep recognized the distinctive voice of their own shepherd. Jesus used this as a parable to describe our mutual relationship with him and each other. We know his voice. It speaks of true life: filled with courage, compassion, and peace. But Christ calls us also to be not only good sheep but good shepherds; that is, to call other sheep to him with Christ's very same message. Resolve each day to explore Christ's word, to live it, and to proclaim it. Shhh! Listen! He is calling your name to give life and to give it more abundantly. - *Norm Carroll spiritualsummit.net*

COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S

Study the Gospel of Mark with Father Albert! Our Rector's Forum is every Wednesday at 7:30 pm following our healing mass. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Come for a reflective and prayerful reading of Scripture.

Learning and Loving: Each of us must never stop learning and loving through all of life. This is why we meet every Monday at 7:00 PM in the chapel to explore the most important issues of Christianity and life. We also discuss Sunday at 9:30 AM in the chapel the magnificent lessons of our Sunday Eucharist.

Faith in Music Ministry: We will be listening and studying J.S. Bach's Kantaten 194-197 this Tuesday at 9:30 am.

Youth News!

Pancake Breakfast: May 7th immediately after the 10:00 am service. This will be a fundraising breakfast to support our youth attending the Episcopal youth event in Oklahoma this summer. Your presence will help our kids a great deal! Please come out and show your support!

Summer Camp: There will be a short informational meeting Sunday, April 30th after the 10:00 am mass in the teen room for parents and youth, middle and high school, who are interested in attending camp this summer at Camps Wingmann and Kanuga. Scholarship forms will be available to be completed at the meeting.

Diocesan Youth Convention: May 12-13 at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park. This is an overnight convention for high school students. We have several youth running for office. Please contact Pamela Sahdev to register.

Youth Group: Our middle and high school youth meet each Wednesday evening in the teen room from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We invite all Youth to attend youth group.

There will be a Mothers' Union Meeting on May 7th after the 10:00 am Mass. White will be worn for an important picture taking for the Convention. Convention will be from August 11th-15th, 2017.

Mission of the Month: May is Marafiki Month at St. Benedict's. We are hoping to raise \$10,000 to help Father Nganga and the wonderful work he is doing in Kenya. A parishioner has offered to match every dollar contributed to our Marafiki mission in May to a total of \$5,000. This is a wonderful way to double your contribution and make a difference in the lives of the Marafiki children. Please either fill out one of the contribution cards inserted in the bulletin or drop your check into the Mission Box. After the service in the Narthex, Marafiki volunteers will be selling beautiful clothing and sandals made by the Marafiki staff. You will be the envy of all, wearing this beautiful clothing. God bless you for your support of Marafiki.

Blood Drive: Please share your lifesaving gift with patients in need. The Blood Mobile will be at St. Benedict's on Sunday, May 7th from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. All donors will receive a free T-shirt plus a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

Confirmation will be on May 20th, 2017. Confirmation classes are taking place on Sundays following the 10:00 am service in the Conference Room. Those who have never been "officially" received as members of the Episcopal (Anglican) Church, are also welcomed to do so. Please see Deacon Debra for information.

Save the date!!! Vacation Bible School 2017: June 26-30 from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. Early drop-off available. We are now accepting registrations. This is a great program we offer to everyone in our community and it is open to all children, regardless of their church affiliation or denomination.

Pledge Statements for the first quarter of 2017 are on the table in the narthex arranged in alphabetical order for those members who have *completed and submitted pledge cards for 2017.*

Spiritual Thought for the Week: *Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime. -Martin Luther*

Our offerings to God for April 29 and 30, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!

Operating: \$8,990.00
Building Fund: \$1,995.00
Total: \$10,985
Weekly Operating Costs: \$9,900.00
Over Budget for the week: \$1,085.00

Do you like our new LANDSCAPING and the added grass and plants all over our grounds?

They are the donation of a generous parishioner who wants to be anonymous.
May God bless all those among us who are generous with their time, talent and treasure...

You can't be here every Sunday? We can help...

Set up ONLINE GIVING through "Easy Tithe" today on our website and never write a check again:

www.saintbenedicts.org

Calling ALL who love this church!

Each and every member of this community is important to God and to us. Together, throughout the years, we have helped to create this beautiful Christian community and together we continue to build up the Body of Christ, here at St. Benedict's.

I ask that you take a moment to consider including this church in your Last Will and Testament, and to make a generous contribution that will be transformed into a lasting spiritual legacy way beyond your time here on earth. Please contact the parish office so we can help you to take this important step for the long-term wellbeing of our church. We have volunteers who can guide you with this and with any other special donations you would like to make in memory of loved ones or as a legacy gift. Think of all the lives our generous giving can touch for generations to come!

With every blessing for you and yours,

Father Albert