



# The Anglican Parish of Saint Barnabas

September 7, 2025  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*It is the mission of St. Barnabas Anglican Church to use  
the gifts that God has given us in Christian service to others.*

*In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the peoples of the Treaty 7  
Territory and the Metis Nation of Alberta as we share this land.*

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*Welcome to St. Barnabas Anglican Church. The altar flowers have  
been donated by Jackie Mootoo in honour of Sunny's 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday.*

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## 8:30 AM: Holy Communion

*The Book of Common Prayer – Page 67*

*Collect – Page 236*

*Celebrant: The Rev. Kersi Bird ~ Lay Assistant: Arlene Parsons*

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## 10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist

*Liturgy from The Book of Alternative Services*

*Hymns from Common Praise*

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### **Processional Hymn 434 “The Love of Jesus Calls Us”**

**(Aurelia)**

Children’s Prayer and Blessing of the Backpacks

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Almighty God,

**to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**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**

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.**

Collect of the Day: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

David Parker

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words."

So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.

And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17

Angela Wards

**Refrain: Your works are wonderful, O Lord.**

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. **Refrain**

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. **Refrain**

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will thank you because I am marvellously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well. **Refrain**

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them. **Refrain**

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. **Refrain**

2nd Reading: Philemon 1-21

Sue Carr

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do more than I say.

**Gradual Hymn 585 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"**

**(Beach Spring)**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke 14:25-33

The Rev. Marcus Herrel

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?"

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Kersi Bird

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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 Intercession

Angela Wards

*When the intercessor says "Lord, in your mercy", please respond "Hear our prayer."*

We pray for our Diocese: St. Augustine, Lethbridge: The Rev. Steve Bateman, The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge, The Rev. Canon Allan McCuaig; University Chaplaincies: The Rev. Dr. Carmen Maier (U of C); The Rev. Canon Erin Phillips (U of L), and local post-secondary institutions.

We pray for members of our parish family: Ed David; Doreen Davies; Natalie Davis.

We pray for those in need of God's healing gifts: Doug, Marie, Doug, Nolan, Thomas, June, Elma, Bev, Marnie, Gord, Allen, Suyu, Jill, Jennifer, Russell, Farida, Deanna, Brian, Curtis, Crystal, JJ, Bob, Sue, Eric, Mike, Dennis, Barry, Marlene, Bruce and family, Lochlan, Angela, Al, Doreen, Ken, Don, Kate, Karen, Nicole, John, Bernice, Gail, Val, Doug, Angie, Ed, Louise, Sharon, Karen, Warwick, Sue, Gwyneth, Jeff and family, Kris, Pat.

The Confession: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 neighbours 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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

*Monetary offerings for the ministry of the parish can be placed on the plate located by the entry doors to the sanctuary. To add to the offering during the offertory hymn as the sidesperson brings it to the altar to be blessed, please catch the attention of the sidesperson as the plate is brought forward.*

**Offertory Hymn 435 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"**

**(Mozart)**

Prayer over the Gifts: Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

**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.**

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please proceed to the base of the chancel steps as directed by a sidesperson; if you are unable to do so, remain seated in your pew and a priest will bring communion to you. After consuming the wafer, you will be offered wine in two kinds – the common cup or a small glass. Alternatively, you may touch the base of the chalice or receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymn 56 “I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life” (Picket Wood)  
Communion Hymn 84 “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour” (St. Osmund)  
Communion Hymn 509 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (Precious Lord)

Prayer after Communion: Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

All your works praise you, O Lord.  
**And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn 565 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (Cwm Rhondda)**

Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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We pray for Christ’s Holy Catholic Church: ACC: The theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Norther Lights: Arthur Turner Training School, the Centre for Christian Studies, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, Henry Budd College for Ministry, Saint John’s College, Dr. William Winter School for Ministry, James Settee College for Ministry. ACC/ELCIC/MOR: For the Season of Creation which continues in the month ahead and a renewed commitment to a healthy relationship with the Earth.

We pray for our Companion Diocese of the Windward Isles: St. Patrick, Barrouallie with St. David, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, All Saints, and Mary Magdalene, on St. Vincent; The Rev. Alison Samuel.

CCLI Licence #11392823. Readings for September 14: Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 98:1-6; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 3:13-17

Livestream link for the 10:15 AM service: <https://www.youtube.com/live/Cis6FHLEl-M>

Sunday School resumes today. Other dates include September 21st, October 5th, and October 26th.

The Rev. Rafiq Masih has some exciting news to share! He and Farzana will be moving to Harbour Grace, Newfoundland to serve in the parishes of St. Peter and St. Paul, starting October 1st. They will be joining us on September 14th to say farewell. If you would like to contribute to a purse, please place cash (in a labelled envelope) or cheque made out to Rafiq Masih in the offering plate over the next two Sundays. There will be a

presentation made on that day. We wish Farzana and Rafiq every blessing as they begin this new ministry!

St. Laurence Anglican Church in Lakeview is offering a series of Taizé prayer evenings in the year ahead. The first service will be held on Sunday evening, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM. If you are feeling your life could use a bit more reverence, silence, contemplation, song - this evening is for you. ALL are welcome to join in this hour of chant prayer and silence. We hope to see you there! (5940 Lakeview DR SW)

Dear parish family.

We are looking at running the Alpha course in our parish and I ask that you pray this prayer as often as possible in the next little while. Blessings, Marcus+

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of Alpha.*

*Open our eyes to the friends, neighbours, and colleagues you are already drawing toward you, and give us the courage to extend a personal invitation on your behalf.*

*Holy Spirit, soften our hearts and remove every barrier of fear or uncertainty as we discern our role to invite or even become Alpha team members.*

*Lord Jesus, you welcomed the outsider and dined with the seeker. Teach us to mirror your hospitality—listening with compassion, speaking with gentleness, and serving with joy. Grant us wisdom in our conversations and perseverance when the answer is not immediate.*

*Gracious God, we entrust every step of this journey to you. Guide our words, calm our nerves, and fill us with faith that every invitation is part of your divine plan. May your name be glorified as people respond to this invitation and encounter your love. Amen.*

For more information about Alpha, contact Rev. Marcus Herrel or check out the Alpha link: [https://youtu.be/fViYK\\_Xb3Wg](https://youtu.be/fViYK_Xb3Wg)

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