



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ *Tending Mind and Soul in Los Osos* ~

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21st, 2025 10:30 am

Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, economic condition, or physical or mental ability—
your presence here today is a blessing!

About Our Service

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are warmly welcome at St. Benedict's! If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Episcopal Church, simply rest into the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship.

Please silence your phones.

~ **Prelude** ~

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

Welcome

The Rev. Linzi Stahlecker

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: This is the day the Creator has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Opening Hymn # 455

“O love of God”

Blue Hymnal



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2 (O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous) Love, we read thee
 3 (We read thee best in him who) came to bear for
 4 (We read thy power to bless and) save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all
 low, in seas that swell and streams that
 high, our life to live, our death to
 light we read the full - ness of thy



thought. 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous
 flow. 3 We read thee best in him who
 die. 4 We read thy power to bless and
 might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889). Music: *de Tar*, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984). Copyright © 1973 Concordia Publishing House.

Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Presider: Grant us, Creator God, to put wealth to use in relieving the suffering of others; so that we might hold fast to the love that endures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

People: *Amen*

(please be seated for the readings)

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Reader: A Reading from the book of Jeremiah

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,

and my eyes a fountain of tears,
So that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

Reader: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 79:1-9

*The chant setting will be played
once through, then all chant the
Psalm together, changing tone for
the bolded word.*



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- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy **temple**; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of **rubble**.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds
of the **air**, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the **field**.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Je-
rusalem, *
and there was no one to **bury** them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our **neighbors**, *
an object of scorn and derision to those a-**round** us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O **LORD**? *
will your fury blaze like fire for **ever**?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not **known** you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your **Name**.
- 7 For they have devoured **Jacob** *
and made his dwelling a **ruin**.

8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to **meet us**; *
for we have been brought very **low**.

(repeat the second half of the chant setting)

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your **Name**; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's **sake**.

Our Relationship with Creation

Isaac the Syrian (613-700), also remembered as Saint Isaac the Syrian, Isaac of Nineveh, Abba Isaac, Isaac Syrus and Isaac of Qatar, was a 7th-century Syriac Christian bishop and theologian best remembered for his written works on Christian asceticism.

Reader: What is a charitable heart? It is a heart burning with love for the whole of creation, for humans, for the birds, for the beasts, for the demons—for all creatures. One who has such a heart cannot see or call to mind a creature without having eyes being filled with tears by reason of the immense compassion which seizes the heart; a heart which is softened and can no longer bear to see or learn from others of any suffering, even the smallest pain, being inflicted on any creature. That is why such a person never ceases to pray also for the animals, that they may be preserved and purified. This person will even pray for the reptiles, moved by the infinite pity which reigns in the hearts of those who are becoming united with God.

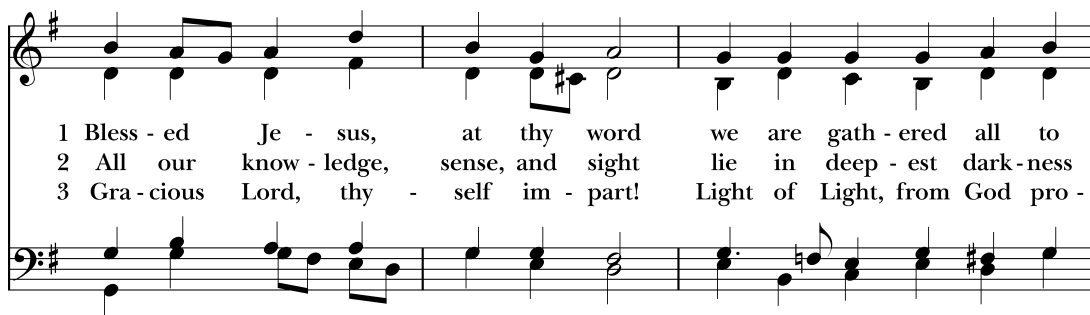
Reader: *Here ends the reading*

(please stand as you are able as we welcome the Gospel)

♩ Hymn #440

“Blessed Jesus”

Blue Hymnal



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -



hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,



now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy



pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926).

Luke 16:1-13

Presider:*The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to Luke*

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

[We pause for a few moments' reflection before affirming our faith.]

Affirmation of Faith (please stand as you are able)

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All: We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.
Amen.

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Prayers of the People

Adapted from Glimpses of Glory by David Adams

Holy One, we give you thanks for your love and forgiveness.
Teach us to forgive as you have forgiven us,
to be merciful and to strive for justice for all.
We pray for all who are penitent, all who seek forgiveness.

O God, guide all who are spiritual counsellors and confessors.
We pray for all who lead retreats and who look after retreat centers.

Help us, compassionate God.
Save us for the glory of your Name.

We ask you to strengthen and guide all who are in positions of trust, all in places of authority, all who make decisions concerning our collective future.

We pray for integrity and fair dealing in all places, that no one is counted as cheap labor, or as of little importance.

We remember all who are experiencing poverty, all who cry for justice, all who work for freedom and dignity.

Help us, compassionate God.
Save us for the glory of your Name.

We give thanks for all you have given to us.

We ask you to bless our homes and families with your presence, love and peace.

We pray for homes where there is tension, fearfulness, and violence, for all who have suffered abuse or neglect, for children taken into care, for all who remain at risk.

Help us, compassionate God.
Save us for the glory of your Name.

We remember before you all whose wounds find no cure.

We pray for the chronically ill, and we pray for all those who are distressed or deeply troubled in body, mind, or spirit.

We remember our loved ones who are ill at this time.

And we pray for all those named in our bidding book...

[here prayers are added from the bidding book and
you are invited to add your own prayers silently or aloud]

Help us, compassionate God.

Save us for the glory of your Name.

We give thanks for all who have passed through the troubles of this world and are now at rest and at peace in your kingdom.

We pray for friends and loved ones departed from us.

Help us, compassionate God.

Save us for the glory of your Name.

Silence

Concluding collect

Presider: Holy God, as you have called us to serve you, so guide us and make us worthy of our calling. Give us wisdom to use our talents and resources to your glory and to the benefit of all who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

***Merciful and sustaining God,
we have sinned against you.***

***We confess our lack of gratitude
for the beauty and bounty of your creation:
teach us to see that your earth sustains us
and all that lives.***

***We confess that we have misused your earth:
grant us amendment of life.***

***We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:
strengthen us in self-control.***

***We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world
for granted: make us urgent now for its protection.
Forgive and renew us through our Savior Jesus Christ,***

*by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live
and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Presider: May the All-Compassionate God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The congregation may greet one another in the name of Christ .

Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Those wanting a special prayer for a birthday, anniversary, or any special concern, may come forward. Prayers can be found on the white or yellow card in your pew.

51. For a Birthday p 830

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his/her/their* days increase; bless and guide *him/her/their* wherever *he/she/they* may be. Strengthen *him/her/them* when *he/she/they* stand(s); comfort *him/her/their* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him/her/their* up if *he/she/they* fall; and in *his/her/their* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *him/her/their* life/lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

52. For an Anniversary p 431

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send

therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

53. For Travelers p 831

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel [in particular _____]; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them into safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Offertory

You are invited to make a thank offering, but if you do not contribute financially today please give thanks for God's blessing as the plate is passed. You can contribute at our website www.stbenslososos.org at any time.



♪ Hymn #644

“How sweet the sound”

Blue Hymnal

1 How sweet the Name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!

2 It makes the wound - ed spi - rit whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;

3 Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing - place,

4 O Je - sus! Shep - herd, Guard - ian, Friend, O Pro - phet, Priest, and King,

*5 Weak is the ef - fort of my heart, and cold my warm - est thought;

1 It soothes our sor-rows, heals our wounds, and drives a - way our fear.
 2 'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry, rest.
 3 my nev - er - fail - ing trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace!
 4 my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.
 5 but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt. Music: *St. Peter*, Alexander Robert Reinagle (1799-1877).

(please stand as you are able)

♩ Doxology:

[Hymn tune #400]

[sung]

***Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
 Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia
 Praise God the Source of all our gifts
 Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia***

Holy Eucharist

EOW Prayer 2

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of
 life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit
 moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and
 stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your
 image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you,
 and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you
 would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness
 of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus
 of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we
 sing

♪ Sanctus

S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you,

gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ,

crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts
of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood
of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Benedict the patron of this house and
all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to
feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

*All: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: **Holy One, our only Home,
hallowed be your name.
May your day dawn,
your will be done,
here as in heaven.
Feed us today,
and forgive us as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test,
but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power,
and the mercy are yours,**

now and for ever. Amen.

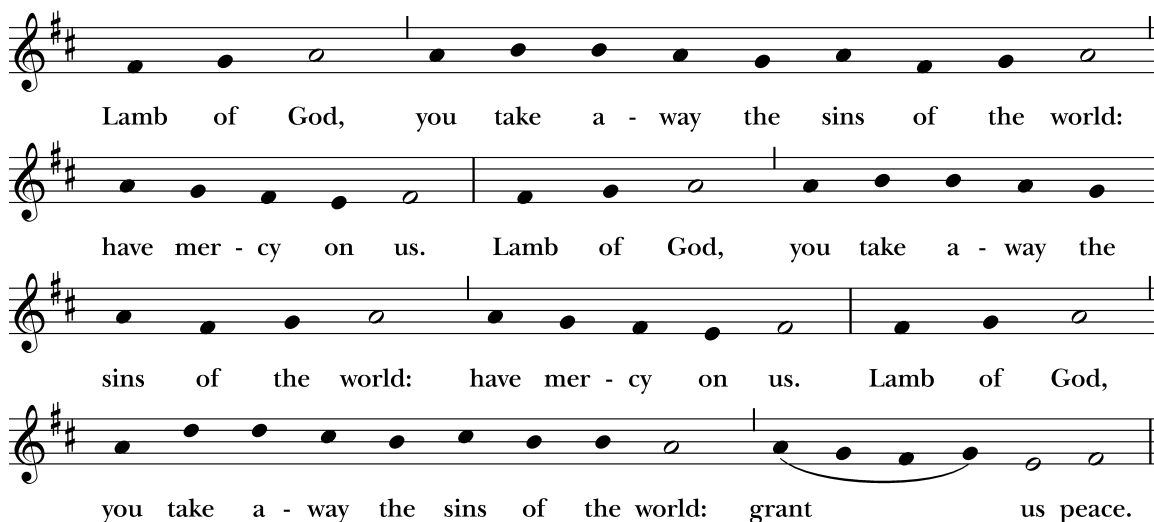
The Lord's Prayer written by Martha Blacklock,
Mother Thunder Mission, "Honoring God in Creation"

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the Bread

Fraction Anthem

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

Celebrant: This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

People: *All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion

If God is calling you, you are welcome to receive communion when the celebrant invites your section forward. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

♫ Communion Music

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

♫ Hymn #803

“These three are the treasures”

Wonder Love and Praise

1. These three are the treasures to strive for and prize: be
 2. If mer-cy's a-ban-doned by those who'd be brave, e-
 3. Be gen-tle and you can af-ford to be bold, be
 4. Through gen-tle-ness those who at-tack win the fight, and

gen-tle, live sim-ply and have the hum-il-it-y to shy from the
 con-o-my squan-dered by those who'd be gen-er-ous, hu-mil-i-ty
 fru-gal and so have e-nough to be lib-er-al, be hum-ble and
 those who de-fend have their safe-ty in gen-tle-ness; this gen-tle-ness

strugg-le to put one-self first, these are the pearls.
 slight-ed by those who would lead, this is sure death.
 thus be a lead-er of all, this is the way.
 rests in the chil-dren of God, this is their sign.

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Silence

Sending of the Eucharistic Visitor If no visitation is to be made, prayer is not said.

When the Eucharist is brought to people at any place outside our walls, we say the following to send our Lay Eucharistic Visitors or other Ministry team members out with care and blessings.

Presider: In the name of this parish family, I send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, to _____. Together, we share in the body and blood of Christ. And we who are many are one Body because we share one Bread and one Cup.

All: ***We who are many are one Body, because we share one Bread and one Cup. Amen***

(please stand as you are able)

Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

♪ Hymn #398

"I sing the almighty power of God"

Blue Hymnal

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good - ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Dismissal

Celebrant: Tend the earth,
care for God's good Creation;
as you have received freely,
so give freely.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

♪ Postlude

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

Ministers of the Service

Presider:	The Rev. Linzi Stahlecker
Preacher:	The Rev. Linzi Stahlecker
Eucharistic Minister:	Sandy Fisher
Chalice:	Michael Lucas
Lector:	Bob Pelfrey
Flowers:	Sarah Chesebro
Usher:	Michael Lucas
Usher:	Barbara Schippers
Music:	Paul Burkle
Altar Guild:	Diana Hammerlund
Intercessor:	Louisa Beeler
Online Host:	Don Maruska
Teller:	Steve Cake
Teller:	Sandy Fisher
Technical:	Hannah Matthews
Coffee Hour:	The Rev. Linzi Stahlecker

This Week at St Ben's

Tuesday	Sep 23
9:45 a	Prayers for the Morning (Zoom)
10:30 a	Spiritual Conversation (Zoom)
Wednesday	Sep 24
11:00 a	Laundry Love
4:00 p	Laundry Love
Sunday	Sep 28
10:30 a	Eucharist Service

The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is an international, ecumenical time of prayer, reflection, and action, it begins on **September 1** with the World Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on **October 4**, the Feast Day of St. Francis. The central theme for this year is "Peace with Creation," inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18:

Then justice will dwell in the wilderness
and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.
The effect of righteousness will be peace,
and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.
My people will abide in a peaceful habitation,
in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

Blessing of the Animals will be in the yard at the Abundance Shop, on **Saturday, October 4**. We will have a short prayer service at 3pm, during which we'll bless those animals present, and offer prayers for all those companion animals we love. We could use some help planning and coming out on the day for this, so if you can help support this event, an important way St. Benedict's brings the love of God out into the community, please let Rev. Linzi know via email.

Announcements

Tuesday Morning Prayers & Spiritual Conversation: The Spiritual Conversation group is reading Pema Chödrön's book *When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times*. "The beautiful practicality of her teaching has made Pema Chödrön one of the most beloved of contemporary American spiritual authors among Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike. The book is a treasury of wisdom for going on living when we are overcome by pain and difficulties."

The Feast of All Saints falls each year on November 1, but it's a feast day which can be moved to Sunday, so this year we'll observe this major feast day on Sunday, November 2. All Saints' is the day on which we remember the exemplary lives of the saints of the church, known and unknown, who lived remarkable lives of holiness and faith; during this liturgy we give thanks for their witness to the Gospel, and all the ways their lives continue to serve as an inspiration for our own.

All Souls' Day is November 2, the day after All Saints'. This year we'll be celebrating the Feast of All Saints at our morning service on November 2, and so we will observe All Souls' later that same day (on 11/2), at 5pm, with a candlelit service. All Souls' is a powerful time of remembrance of all those we love but see no longer, all those who have died in the faith, our beloveds, those whose memories we cherish, all the 'ordinary' believers. There will be more to come about this service, in the meantime, please mark your calendars and let friends and loved ones who might be interested know that everyone is invited and welcome.

An all-gender restroom is located through the white door at the left of the sanctuary. All other restrooms are located by exiting out the doors and going down the outdoor wooden walkway towards the red door and then down the hallway to the left. Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.



Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge with gratitude the yak tityu tityu yak tilhini (ytt) / the Northern Chumash People, and the Salinan Tribe / the T'epot'aha'l, "People of the Oaks," on whose ancestral homelands we gather, and whose vibrant culture continues today. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life. Help us to be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world.

Our Mission Statement

St. Benedict's is an inclusive Christian community that celebrates the divine in all beings, and inspires spiritual growth through joyful sacramental worship, loving service, creative expression, thoughtful inquiry, and commitment to social justice.

Our Inclusivity Statement

The people of St Benedict's are called to share God's love as we minister with and to all persons in Los Osos and beyond, providing worship, nurture, fellowship, and service.

Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, economic condition, or physical or mental ability.

We embrace and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation. We cooperate in ministry with other local churches and groups of God's people as we participate in the worldwide mission of Christ.



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