

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>		<i>Hymnal 484</i>
The Great Thanksgiving	BCP 333	BCP 372
Sanctus	BCP 334	<i>Hymnal S-128</i>
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336	BCP 364
Fraction	BCP 337	<i>Hymnal S-163</i>

All are welcome at the altar. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing (if so, carry this Order of Service to the altar with you). The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is normally reserved for baptized Christians of any denomination. For more information about baptism, please speak to the clergy.

<i>Communion Hymn</i>		<i>Hymnal 655</i>
Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 339	BCP 365
<i>Closing Hymn</i>		<i>Hymnal 537</i>
Dismissal	BCP 339	BCP 366
<i>Postlude</i>		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ross and Kathy Dingwall. The Flower Sign-up Sheet for 2016 is posted on the bulletin board across from the office. Cost for sponsoring flowers is \$25 per vase (\$50 per week). Please sign up if you would like to remember or honor someone in this way. Contributions are tax deductible.

Reminders TODAY:

- Jail Ministry, 1 pm

Reminders THIS WEEK:

- Thu: Ss. Peter & Paul, Mass, 9 am

We welcome Brooks Grantier as our guest organist today.

The Outreach & Facilities Management Team is busy getting several currently un-used spaces in the church ready for expanded use by the outside community. If parishioners have personal items in any of the following rooms, the Commission respectfully asks they be removed before June 30th, otherwise we'll assume the items are not wanted and will be removed, donated or disposed of:

- lower level classroom, next to ladies restroom
- 2 upper level office spaces formerly occupied by Jonah and Sprout Urban Farms
- 2 upper level classrooms at end of hall beyond nursery, (not currently being used for weekly Sunday school)

Please reach out to a member of the Commission if there are questions or concerns.

Breakfast Program sign up sheet is on the blue bulletin board across from the office. St. Thomas Church is signed up to serve next on the week of July 3-7.

Summer Music Program - A free music program for elementary and middle school aged children will be offered on Monday and Wednesday mornings (8:30-10am) from June 19 through August 23. Please help spread the word to any and all families who might have an interest.

Realm Tutorials will be hosted after church on the following dates this summer: **July 9**, by Alexis Stark; **July 30**, by Barrett Lee.

Next Sunday's Lessons: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

For a listing of the coming week's activities see the yellow sheet hanging above the nametag table or check out our website at: www.StThomasBC.org.

SERVING THIS WEEK

8:00

Presider:	Father Brian Coleman
Lector:	Pat Peterson
Crucifer:	Jack Gregory
Chalice:	Jodi Nickerson
Altar Chapter:	Bev Case, Noreen Sidnam

10:00

Presider:	Father Brian Coleman
Liturgical Ministers:	Den Dale Bennett, Jodi Nickerson
Intercessor:	Claire Nickerson
Lector:	Liz Neumeyer
Crucifer:	Claire Nickerson
Chalice:	Mark Engle
Altar Chapter:	Noreen Sidnam, Macy Nickerson
Ushers:	Ken Suprenant, Judy Gray, Lori Kiess, Jackson Kiess

Vestry Liaison:	Karen Suggs
Greeters:	Diane Norman
Jail Ministry:	Ginny Baldwin, Bob Hibbard

Welcome to

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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 7
June 25, 2017

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please use the following order of service to find your place in the Book of Common Prayer located in the pew racks in front of you. The blue Hymnal 1982 and green Wonder Love and Praise contains hymns and service music. Service music is designated with an "S" and is located in the front section of the hymnal.

If you are new to our community please fill out a welcome card, found in the pew racks, and place it in the collection plate during the offering.

Coffee and refreshments are served in the Parish Hall after each service, through the double doors to the right of the altar and down the hallway. There you will have opportunity to visit with members of the church community.

HOLY EUCHARIST	8 a.m.	10 a.m.
<i>Prelude</i>		
<i>Opening Hymn</i>		<i>Hymnal 372</i>
Opening Acclamation	BCP 323	BCP 355
Gloria	BCP 324	<i>Hymnal S-278</i>
Collect of the Day	BCP 178	BCP 230

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, *
nor anything like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you,
O LORD, *
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Lesson - Romans 6:1b-11

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand, as they are able.

Gospel Lesson - Matthew 10:24-39

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
8 a.m. 10 a.m.
Glory be to thee, O Lord. or Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

The Gospel of the Lord.
8 a.m. 10 a.m.
Praise be to thee, O Christ. or Praise to you, Lord Christ.

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.
Nicene Creed	BCP 326	BCP 358
Prayers of the People	BCP 328	BCP 359
Confession of Sin	BCP 331	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 332	BCP 360

Announcements

The presider introduces the Offertory. An anthem is sung by the choir as the bread and wine for communion are brought forward. After the collection, the gifts of the people are presented at the altar.