



AQUIA
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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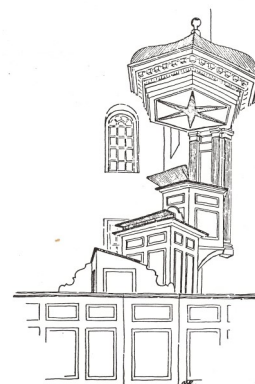
All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27

Jesus answered,
“The work
of God
is this:
to believe
in the one
he has sent.”

JOHN 6:29, NIV

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FROM THE RECTOR

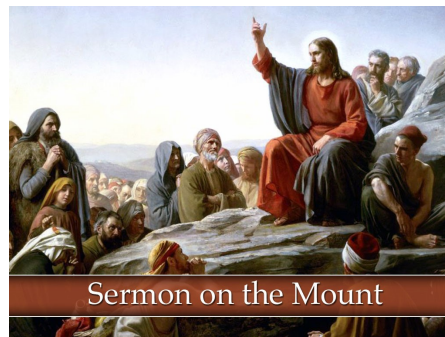
The Sermon on the Mount

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7) is a beloved but challenging passage of Scripture. It comprises the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, and other matters of moral instruction and discipleship. Starting on the first Sunday in October, my new Morning Call series will explore this important, fascinating, yet perplexing text.

Consider the Beatitudes in Matthew 5. Those who mourn will be glad to discover that they will find comfort; other sorts of encouraging promises are made there, too. But how does one become poor in spirit or pure in heart? Is it necessary for one to be that way in order to receive the kingdom of heaven or in order to see God? With all the comments about being meek or peacemaking or persecuted people implying that Christians will endure a lot of disappointments and struggles with this world, do the Beatitudes offer any guidance about how our faith can persevere through those challenges?

The version of the Lord's Prayer that is so familiar to us is based largely on Matthew 6:9-13. But how long has it been since you pondered carefully what we pray with each step in the Lord's Prayer? When we say that our heavenly Father's name is or should be "hallowed," is that connected somehow to Halloween? What is the kingdom for which we pray—the kingdom of heaven, the kingdom of God, the kingdom of England, or something else? Why doesn't the text of Matthew 6 mention "the kingdom and the power and the glory" at the end of the Lord's Prayer?

The Sermon on the Mount addresses a bunch of interesting topics—including murder, anger, adultery, swearing, vengeance, hate, hypocrisy, judgment, even love—so that there's something for everyone! But does Jesus have realistic expectations for us on these matters? When he directs us to be perfect, like God in heaven is perfect (Matthew 5:48), isn't he putting too much pressure on mere mortals like you and me? When Jesus commands us in Matthew 6 to fast, to pray, and to give away our money, is he burdening us with a



life of boredom and poverty? When he tells us soon afterwards about the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, isn't he just offering eloquent advice against worrying that simply won't work in the real world, with that failed advice inevitably prompting us to worry even more?

If Jesus came to earth not so much to abolish the law and the prophets of Old Testament times but rather to fulfill them (Matthew 5:17-18; compare Matthew 7:12), then what difference (if any) does the grace of Jesus Christ in the New Testament make? Given Jesus' acknowledgment by the end of this sermon that the road to life has a narrow gate and a hard path that few people ever find, while he also admits that anyone can stumble down the road to destruction (Matthew 7:13-14), is there really any hope for any of us? What are we supposed to do when we encounter other people who corrupt us with their bad fruit (Matthew 7:15-20)?

Parts of the Sermon on the Mount help to set the tone for many occasions ranging from the solemnity of Ash Wednesday to the joy of weddings, from clichés and hymns to the structure of an average worship service. You might not recognize these features unless you know how and where to look for them. Being on the lookout for them is something that we shall do throughout this Morning Call series, beginning on Oct. 3 (9:30–10:15 a.m. in the great hall). I hope to see you there.

Jay Morris



FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

500+ Years of Reformation

Dear Family in Christ,
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I thank our God for you, especially for how you are interested in the history of the church. I have had a number of conversations with many of you about important eras in church history. One such era of church history, the Reformation, was integral to the development of what we call the Episcopal Church today.

Most people tend to think of the Reformation as having begun on Oct. 31, 1517. This is the date when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses, traditionally believed to be on the doors of the All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany. If you read the 95 Theses (95 statements against the excesses of the practice of indulgences), they really aren't the start of the Reformation as we know it now. They were a warning shot about what was coming. In reality, there are other dates that are perhaps more properly understood to have been the start of the Reformation. In 1518, Luther wrote his Heidelberg Disputations, which were a more significant departure from Rome's theology. But perhaps the best option for the decisive break was at the 1521 Diet of Worms. At that imperial assembly, Martin Luther was formally declared a heretic. It was at that point, 500 years ago this year, that the Reformation began in earnest. Luther's denouncement of indulgences and his insistence on justification by faith alone was a retrieval of Biblical teaching that had been lost. Over the subsequent years, Luther continued teaching and writing. He was a complicated man, to be sure, but the ministry that God gave him was undeniably important to the church.

The heritage of Luther's teaching can be felt in the church today in a number of ways. Near the top of that list are the five *solae*: *sola fide*, *sola gratia*, *sola scriptura*, *solus Christus*, and *solus Deo gloria*. The Episcopal Church is steeped in these statements. *Sola fide* (by faith alone) is the belief that we are justified by faith alone; i.e., nothing that we do can merit anything be-

fore God, nor can it make us right with him. *Sola gratia* (by grace alone) is the belief that we are saved by grace alone, which again attests to the reality that nothing we do earns us God's favor. *Sola scriptura* (by Scripture alone) is the belief that only Scripture is valid for establishing doctrine; the church cannot be enjoined to believe anything that is outside of Scripture or opposed to Scripture. Even our tradition must look to Scripture for validation. *Solus Christus* (Christ alone) is the belief that Christ alone is worthy to offer the sacrifice for sin; he is the only mediator on our behalf. *Soli Deo gloria* (glory to God alone) is the belief that no one other than God is to be worshiped or venerated as God alone is worthy. These five *solae* were, in effect, the battle cry of the Reformation.

The Episcopal Church was and is deeply influenced by Martin Luther. Not everyone in the Episcopal Church will find that idea appealing, but it is true. Thomas Cranmer—archbishop of Canterbury, English reformer, and father of the Book of Common Prayer—was deeply influenced by both Martin Luther and by John Calvin as well. The Reformation is in our DNA as Anglicans. To God be the glory for that!

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

*In Christ+,
Fr. James*

500TH
Anniversary
OF THE REFORMATION



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Chris Wanner

Buildings & Grounds Committee

FALL FEST 2021 SILENT AUCTION

A huge “Thank You” goes to all the parishioners and merchants who have contributed so generously to the silent auction! Behold the final, awesome list:

1. Vintage Carved Maple Rocking Chair

2. Made in Virginia Basket offered by Briget and Tom Kane

A fun basket of foods and beverages from across the Commonwealth

3. Mouth-watering Pies: a pie a month for 4 months baked by Pat Moncure,
retired pastry chef of The Happy Clam Restaurant

4. Sight & Sound Theatres: 2 tickets to their production of *David* in Lancaster, PA.
March 12 – Dec. 31, 2022

5. Build a Feast:

Slow Roasted Pork Butt from the Fall Fest Kitchen

Wegmans: \$75 gift card

Ulman’s Jewelry: Four Islington Goblets by Royal Doulton; (marked \$36 each)

Wawa: gift basket

6. Saturday Morning Chores:

610 Car Wash: 5 deluxe car wash tickets

Publix: \$100 gift card

Pets Plus: \$75 Gift Card

The Home Depot: \$50 gift card

Meadows Farms: \$20 gift card



7. Norwex Microfiber Gift Basket offered by Rachel Rickenbaker

8. An Elegant Dinner Party with the theme A “Downton Abbey” Dinner **for 8 Guests** prepared
and served at his home offered by Father Jay Morris

9. Beautiful Food & Wine Basket from **Potomac Point Winery**
offered by Cindi and Skip Causey

10. Hiker’s Hideaway Romantic Cabin, a two-night stay in their Airbnb near the
Shenandoah National Park, offered by Caroline and Dale Hendon
<https://abnb.me/TVcWzjfOEgb>

The climb is steep but the view breathtaking!

4-wheel/AWD drive recommended in inclement weather.

11. Washington Football Team Tickets: FOUR tickets to the Washington Football Team vs.
Seattle Seahawks game on Monday, November 29 at 8:15 p.m., given by Marion Wall
Sec 430, Row 4, Seats 8, 9, 10 & 11.





12. Guided Fishing Trip offered by our Senior Warden Bill Hoffman

Enjoy up to 8 hours of fishing on Aquia Creek with an experienced angler on my 21-foot bass boat equipped with a 250 HP motor that can take you to the best spots on Aquia Creek with speeds up to 65MPH! I provide all equipment and instruction needed tailored to your level of experience. All you need is a fishing license and proper attire for a day in the sun. I can accommodate two adults or two kids with accompanying adult. You can choose to catch largemouth bass or catfish or a combination of both. You might even catch a giant Snakehead!

13. Fire Pit Dinner for Four at Potomac Point Winery offered by Cindi and Skip Causey

14. Timeshare at the Historic Powhatan Resort in Williamsburg Virginia offered by Pat Quinn
[Williamsburg, Virginia | Historic Powhatan Resort](#)

Beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, to 10 a.m. on March 19, 2022.

Two-bedroom, two-bath, ground floor unit that sleeps a maximum of six

Full kitchen and patio

Restaurant is also on the property and so are scheduled children's activities

Miniature golf, tennis courts, swimming pools are also on the property

15. Fredericksburg!

Courtyard by Marriott in Historic Downtown Fredericksburg: guestroom for two, for one night

The Alpine Chef Restaurant in Fredericksburg: \$50 gift certificate,

Picker's Supply: Gift card for one free guitar lesson

Corky's of Fredericksburg: \$25 gift card (expires 11/2/2021)

Irish Eyes: certificate to research your Family Name/History and Coat of Arms

Jabberwocky: \$15 gift certificate

16. Let's Eat Out:

Carlos O'Kelly's Inspired Mex: gift card for 4 entrees

El Gran Charro: \$50 gift card

Fatty's Taphouse Seafood & Grill: \$50 gift card

Sake Thai Sushi Bar: \$40 gift certificate

Zibibbo 73 Restaurant & Bar: \$25 gift card

Panera: \$25 gift card



17. Enjoy the Little Things: a painting from Shoppes at Caroline Square LLC

Antique 3-gallon pickle crock: Robinson Ransbottom pottery crock #3 crown stamp

Salt glazed finish with dark brown interior,

3 Vintage Mason Jars



18. A night at the **Red Fox Inn** in Middleburg, Virginia www.redfox.com

19. Flower Arrangements for Any Occasion:

A total of THREE beautiful Flower Arrangements prepared by Aquia Church's Flower Guild
Flowers and colors of your choosing. Celebrating any occasion or just to enjoy between October 2021 and August 31, 2022.

20. Health and Home Basket: given by Dan's Wellness Pharmacy

21. Golf!

Forest Greens Golf Club: Foursome and cart

Aquia Harbour Golf Club: Four 18-Hole Rounds of Golf, Cart Included

Augustine Golf Club: Complimentary Green Fees for Four

Gauntlet Golf Club: Four VIP passes

22. A handsomely matted and framed Pen and Ink Print of Aquia Church

Four Great Escapes found in the Auction!



The Red Fox Inn



Historic Powhatan Resort



**Courtyard by Marriott in Historic
Downtown Fredericksburg**



Hiker's Hideaway Romantic Cabin



At the Fall Fest on Saturday, Oct. 2, bidding will open at 9 a.m. and close at noon. Share the news! Bring your friends.



STS. MARY AND MARTHA GUILD

Worship, Service and Fellowship

The ladies of Sts. Mary and Martha Guild are looking forward to seeing all our parish family at the Fall Fest on October 2. Please be sure to look for the Craft and Jewelry Nook in the parking spaces closest to the top doors of the parish house. We have lots of delightful items to show you: fun Santas stuck in chimneys, soft sculpture fabric pumpkins, hand painted "Believe" ornaments, wood angel ornaments, beautiful wreaths, and more! Right next to the crafts will be displays of jewelry. So much to see at the Fall Fest. Please stop by to say "Hello."

After Fall Fest 2021 is over, we shall be returning to our more relaxed schedule of meeting on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of each month. These dates fall on Oct. 7 and 21 this year. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us at any of our meetings. We begin each meeting at 9:30 with a member of the clergy leading us in Morning Prayer, and we finish by noon. Please come to enjoy a Thursday morning of



Soft Sculpture Fabric Pumpkins new for Fall Fest 2021

Christian fellowship with the ladies of Sts. Mary and Martha Guild. We are saving a seat for you!

Mary Jane Cole

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Carolyn Hendrickson

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday school is available for children in pre-K through twelfth grades on Sunday mornings (9:30–10:15 a.m.). Registration is available throughout the school year on the church website (www.aquiachurch.org): scroll down to the Sunday school icon, then click on "Sunday School Registration."

Also, our busy bags are back! Busy bags are now available again in the historic church for our youngest members. A child's Bible, activity pages, drawing paper, and crayons are available in canvas bags when you enter the church. Please take just one bag per family and return bags at the end of the service.

Finally, save the dates for two upcoming events:

- Saturday, Oct. 30th at 6 p.m.: Annual Trunk or Treat
- Sunday, Nov. 28th at noon: Children's Advent Workshop

Stay tuned for more details about both of these events, to be provided in the weekly e-mail of announcements and in the Sunday worship service bulletin.

Kristen Morgan



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms: *"Sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever"*

Carolina Dearing

Funerals: *"Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let the light perpetual shine upon them."*

Ashby C. Moncure, 1934-2021

Frank Parlier, 1926-2021.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AT AQUIA CHURCH

New Babies: Thanksgiving for the birth of a child will be scheduled as needed. Please call the church office the week prior, if your family would like to be included. Also, please call the church office after a birth so that a red rose can be placed on the altar in thanksgiving.

Those being deployed: Please call the church office so that we can offer special prayers at a service prior to your departure. Also, we would like to put you on our prayer list for all those who are deployed in the service of our country.

FUTURE BAPTISMS

The next regularly scheduled date for a baptism is Nov. 7, 2021. If you would like to have a baptism on this date, or if this date doesn't work for you and you would like to request another date, please contact the church office so that counseling with the clergy can be scheduled.

Sue Selz

Aquia Church Prayer List

October 2021

Nicole Bailey, Kevin Beezhold, Rhett Blythe and Family, Debbie Byers, Donny Davis, Paula Davis, Robert & JoAnn Feldman, Rachael Holford, Lori, Ken Luehrs, Pat Moncure, Megan Olsen, Rebecca Poole, Arnie Schwartz, Scott Smith, O.D. Taylor, the Rev. David & Lois Thabet, John & Pam Tompkins, Gayle Tompkins, Kenneth Tompkins, Tom Tremper, Patrick Weber, Jaxson Wiser, Walt & Elizabeth Yager.



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We, as Aquia Church, joyfully respond to the grace, love and fellowship
of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit at work in our midst
by celebrating His presence, sharing His abundance,
and proclaiming His word throughout the world.



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Aug. 17, 2021 (via Zoom)

In Attendance: The Rev. Jay Morris, Rector; the Rev. James Rickenbaker, Assistant Rector; Chris Arey, Treasurer; Bill Hoffman, Senior Warden; Ron Korth, Junior Warden; Charlie Bingay, Dickie Boes, Chris Bowie, Bob Brandon, Michael Golasz, Pat Springer

Business Session (starting at 7 p.m.)

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer:
The Rev. Jay Morris

Treasurer's Report:

- Income is steady
- Online giving down a bit
- Some mid-year pledges have skewed total monies shown in budget
- Detailed report submitted

Minutes from July Meeting:
Unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- **R-2021-18 Policy About Contracts:** Approved as amended (7/20/2021)
- **R-2021-21:** Adjustments to 2021 budget approved (7/20/2021)
- **Parish Annual Meeting:** will be held Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021, at 9 a.m.

New Business:

- **R-2021-22: Sale of Burial Rights to H. Conway Zeigler** (Rector for Cemetery Superintendent): Lot G Space 2; Moncure descendant; parents already buried in Space 3: resolution approved unanimously.
- **R-2021-23: Approval of Report from Audit Committee that Reviewed 2020 Financials** (Rector): Substantial audit report; possible Vestry Review Committee to form and review finances monthly; Finance Committee asked to consider recommendations from the Audit Committee: resolution approved.

Reports from Committees:

- **Administration Committee:** No further report.
- **Finance Committee:** Did not need to meet in August; Treasurer exploring options for establishing automated bill-pay for some monthly expenses.
- **Building and Grounds Committee:** Moving ahead with on-demand water heater for the CFFB kitchen; eventual replacement of 1960 parish house roof.

Reports from Senior Warden and Junior Warden:

- Junior Warden: no further report.
- Senior Warden: reports that two mowers are broken, and parts have been ordered but not received.

Report from Rector: Chris Bowie and Michael Golasz have offered to stand for election to the vestry for a full term in their own right; Lisa Schwartz has offered to stand for the vestry for a full term, too. Motion made and seconded to accept this slate as duly accepted candidates for election to the vestry. Regarding attendance for indoor activities, some ministry groups are moving inside. The administration committee has recommended that any food or refreshments will be plated individually, and adherence to COVID protocols as mandated by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Diocese of Virginia will continue during this pandemic time. Staff transitions continue as Briget Kane, Treasurer Chris Arey and Father Jay Morris met with Gloria Reyes to conduct an interview with Ms. Reyes to determine her capability as a parish bookkeeper for Aquia Episcopal Church. As a result of that meeting, Ms. Gloria Reyes will proceed in that capacity on Sept. 1, 2021. Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson's visitation to Aquia Episcopal Church is in September for



Vestry Highlights

Confirmation. Bishop Brooke-Davidson is available to meet with the vestry after Confirmation and during the reception for the candidates and the bishop to discuss matters of importance to the vestry. Father Morris will invite Bishop Brooke-Davidson to meet with us after Confirmation.

Upcoming Dates and Information:

- Annual Meeting 8/22 (9 a.m. for morning worship service, with business session starting at 10 a.m.)
- 8/29: Newcomer luncheon and orientation (following 10:30 a.m. service)
- 9/21: Vestry Meeting
- 9/26: Bishop's visit for confirmation, reception into The Episcopal Church, and reaffirmation of baptismal vows (morning)
- 10/2: Fall Fest (8 a.m. – 2 p.m.)
- 10/19: Vestry Meeting
- 11/16: Vestry Meeting
- 12/21: Vestry Meeting

Good of the Order, Closing Prayer, and Adjournment: The Rev. James Rickenbaker

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol F. Korth
Register, Aquia Episcopal Church*





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



*And whatever
you do, whether in
word or deed, do it all
in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks
to God the Father
through him.*

COLOSSIANS 3:17, NIV