



# ST. THOMAS

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 10, 2023 10:30 AM**

### **The Holy Eucharist Rite Two**

*It is the custom in the Episcopal Church to present ourselves to our Lord in silence before the service begins. Please silence your cell phones.*

#### **Prelude**

'Tis the Gift to be Simple

Dale Young

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **Hymn in Procession**

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Hymn 174

#### **Opening Acclamation**

BCP 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

#### **Hymn of Praise**

Gloria in excelsis

Hymn S-280

**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.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **The First Reading**

**Exodus 12:1-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the

land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm 149

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new `song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the `faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his `Maker; \*

let the children of Zion be joyful in their `King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the `dance; \*

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and `harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his `people \*  
and adorns the poor with `victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in `triumph; \*

let them be joyful on their `beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their `throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their `hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the `nations \*  
and punishment on the `peoples;

8 To bind their kings in `chains \*  
and their nobles with links of `iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment de`creed; \*

this is glory for all his faithful people.

Halle`lujah!

## The Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

O day of peace that dimly shines

Hymn 597

## The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Children's Moment

*Children may come forward to the step in front of the altar as we sing the refrain & verse 1 of  
"All Things Bright and Beautiful," Hymn 405.*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Donavan Cain

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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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 Prayers of the People – Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Glenda, our Bishop, and Brian, our Assisting Bishop; for Donavan, Ranie, and Jeannie, our clergy, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Joe, our President, Kay, our Governor, Tommy, our mayor, and for all those in positions of public trust in our community, in our nation, and in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the good earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us.

We give thanks for the birthdays of Tom Perry, Audrey Clark, Stuart Samples, Alexander Steel, Rob Minor, Bart Smith, Riley Roberts, Julia Mayo, Emy McCoy, Al Stokes, Mona Parker, Randy Covell, Linda Hanson, and Sharon Griffin.

And we pray for our Colonia Episcopal Students in Honduras: Yosli, Joseline, Oscar, Andrea, Escarleth, Jeimy, Anthony, Wilson, Josselin, Eric, Ana, Seylin, Kenzie, Genesis, Grodvan, Derek, and Sarai.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray especially for Lois Adams, Cindy & Tom Atkins, Eric Cantrell, Sharon Griffin, Paul Heim, Larry Hill, Diane Hutson, Cyndi Jones & family, Ann Knowles, Lydia Kreider, Pam Lloyd, Janet McAlister, Julia & Jack Mayo, Larry Meyer, Linda Mixon, Norma Oberlies, Melanie Payne, Lila Powell, Karley Mauldin Renna, Dan Seaman, Connie Sharp, Quinn Hattaway Short, Al Stokes, Kay Strobel, Tim Talley, Ursula Vann, Jane Williams, and for those who we name now, either silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.*

### **The Confession of Sin**

BCP 360

**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 neighbors 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.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

### **Offertory Anthem**

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

*Please stand*

### **Presentation Hymn**

vs 3 of Hymn 380

### **The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B**

BCP 367

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*       **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Lift up your hearts.

*People*       **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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*A Proper Preface is offered by the celebrant here.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Sanctus**

Hymn S-125

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel, as the Celebrant continues.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed



Virgin Mary, St. Thomas, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

BCP 364

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

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

Hymn S-155

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in The Episcopal Church. If you do not wish to receive, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Come to the altar, cross your arms over your chest, and the clergy will provide a blessing.  
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

### **Communion Hymn**

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death

Hymn 547

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

## Hymn in Procession

Joyful, joyful we adore thee

Hymn 376

## The Dismissal

## Postlude

Little Prelude in C

J.S. Bach

Today's altar flowers are giving to the glory of God and in memory of  
Jim & Susan Steel by Frances & Alexander Steel.

**venmo**



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donations to St. Thomas.

This QR code is just for newcomers!



## Worship Team for September 10, 2023

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Ranie Neislar
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Donovan Cain
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. Jeannie Randall
<b>Choir Director</b>	Kathy Heim
<b>Organist</b>	Melanie Payne
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Jane Allgood
<b>Acolytes</b>	Luke Carrier, Grayson Brewer, Penelope Reid, Brylie Colvin
<b>Lectors</b>	Amanda Lee, Charlie Erwin
<b>Ushers</b>	Susy & Bob Thurber
<b>Greeters</b>	Donna Palumbo, Patty Moy
<b>Vestry on Duty</b>	Scott Moore, David Hattaway
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gail Perna, Jill & Doug Eskew, David Hattaway
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Susy Thurber, Gayle Dodson
<b>Breakfast</b>	World Mission
<b>Refreshments</b>	The Mohler Family

## OUR PRAYERS FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

*We pray for the ill or distressed:* **The Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; Peter** (U. Allison's friend); **Dean, Brian, Robert Lee, Brook** (D. Baker's father, brother, friends); **Kathy, James** (S. Barnett's relative & friend); **Pam** (B. Beebe's sister); **Matt** (A. Cain's father); **Larry** (Fr. D's uncle); **Glen Yates** (S. Carrier's friend); **Glenda, Thomas** (K. Carter's mother & brother); **Frankie Lou, Faye, Hinson family, Dinsmore family** (A. Chilton's friends); **Maria** (A. Clark's relative); **Mary, Mark** (D. Clark's niece, friend); **Randy** (T. Clements' brother-in-law); **Laura, Ralph** (Conovers' friends); **Brad** (C. Covell's brother); **Rob** (Covell's friend); **Jill** (R. Dippolito's & P. Johnson's friend); **Fred** (B. Dodson's relative); **Lois-Anne, Al** (C. Doyle's friends); **Brandey** (Drachlis' daughter); **James** (E. Duling's brother); **Cindy** (D. Eppling's daughter); **Tanya** (J. Eskew's sister-in-law); **Paul, Jennifer** (K. Evans' cousin & friend); **Jan** (M. Evans' friend); **Scott Harris** (Farmers' Market vendor); **Marcella** (L. Fowler's mother); **Billy, Rhonda** (The Geis' friends); **Martha** (O. Gibson's relative); **Nikki, Mike** (C. Green's friends); **Thomas** (B. Greenaway's son); **Will, Tim, Jane, Kathy** (G. Griffith's grandson, friends) **Libby** (M. Harris' friend); **Betty Christopher** (B. Harwell's friend); **Michael, Patrick, Destiny** (D. Hattaway's brother, friends); **Chip** (grandson of B. Hauler); **Ann** (E. Jones' friend); **Lois, Holland** (J. Jurhs' friend & daughter); **Frank** (S. Kittle's relative); **Judy** (C. Knickelbein's aunt); **Paul** (L. Kreider's father); **Jimmy** (M.&T. Lackey's friend); **Jerry, Dennis** (T. Lee's father, brother); **Sandra, Amy** (K. MacLeod's relatives); **Dan** (D. McCauley's brother); **Jesse** (C. McGill's son); **Rusty** (M. Marr's friend); **Robert & Melinda** (T. Mauldin's friends); **Gail** (B. J. Merchant's friend); **Bambi, Pat** (S. Mohler's parents); **Daisy** (W. Moore's mother); **Allison** (Moys' daughter); **Paul** (P. Nielsen's son); **Frances** (N. Oberlies' & P. Lloyd's friend); **Melvin, Joan** (B. Pawluk's uncle & aunt); **Luke, Cassie, Caleb, & Prestin** (G. Perna's friends); **Hadley, Doug** (T. Perry's friends); **John** (L. Potter's friend); **Terry, John** (D. Palumbo's mother & brother), **David** (B. Rackley's son); **Theresa** (R. Ross' friend); **Janett** (L. Ryder's friend); **Nancy, Lorri** (C. Seaman's sister, sister-in-law); **Alan; Mack; Kimberly, Maddie** (S. Smith's son; family; friends); **Linda** (friend of B. Smith); **Melanie** (F. Steel's friend); **Pam** (friend of B. Stilson); **Zach** (J. Stokes' friend); **Kay** (C. Sutton's mother); **Dorothy** (G. Taylor's friend); **Sharon, Valerie** (N. Teasdale's friends); **Gina** (L. Thurber's friend); **Rachel, Will, Lily, Eli** (R. Verschoore's friends); **Erin** (friend of S. Waddle); **Bryan, Lynn, and Jennifer** (E. Wilson's friends & niece); and **Susie, Ken** (W. Wright's sister, friend).

We pray for those who have died, especially **Don Perkinson** (C. Jones' father).

*We pray for those who serve in and with the United States Armed Forces, especially:* **Benjamin** (L. Cooper's son, L. Anders' grandson); **Logan Dodson** (Dodsons' grandson); **Kathryn & Juan Muñera** (M. Erker's daughter, son-in-law); **Zach Young** (N. Fisher's son-in-law); **Nick Moultrie, Parker Byrd, Chris Garcia** (J. Fletcher's friends); **Christopher Harris** (M. Harris' son); **Grover Lee Wilson, Teddy Lovejoy, Zane Goodnite** (S. Kittle's relatives); **Drexel Martin** (C. Knickelbein's cousin); **Patrick Macala** (R. Macala & K. Clayton's son); **Jackson Mayo** (Mayos' grandson); **Julia Flores** (D. McCauley's cousin); **Ben Meyer** (B. & L. Meyer's grandson); **Luke, J. R.** (K. Strobel's friends) and **Daniel** (L. Thames' son).

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# *The Week at a Glance*

## **Sunday, Sept. 10**

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Nave
8:45 AM	Breakfast, World Mission
9:30 AM	Adult Class with Fr. Donovan, Parish Hall
	Adult Class, Rachel Held Evan's book <i>Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water &amp; Loving the Bible Again</i> .
	Youth Confirmation Class, Youth Room
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist, Nave
3:30 PM	Treble Choir Minors Rehearsal
5:00 PM	Laid Back Holy Eucharist Nave

## **Monday, Sept. 11**

10:00 AM	Book Club, Parlor
6:00 PM	Young Adult Pub Theology, Melt
7:00 PM	ESAU Society, Parish Hall

## **Tuesday, Sept. 12**

6:00 PM	Bible Study with Ranie, Conference Room 2
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## **Wednesday, Sept. 13**

9:30 AM	Bible Study, Conference Rm 1
11:00 AM	Bible Study, Conference Rm 1
4:30 PM	Treble Choir Majors, Music
6:00 PM	Choral Evensong Service

## **Thursday, Sept. 14**

1:00 PM	Silver Saints Movie, Parish Hall
4:00 PM	Centering Prayer
6:00 PM	DOK Training, Conference Room 1
6:30 PM	Moms' Group, Parish Hall

## **Saturday, Sept. 16**

8:00 AM	Habitat, Nassau Drive
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**Confirmation Classes for Adults interested in Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation — SIGN UP IN INFORMATION HALL** using the form on the bulletin board **TODAY!** Fr. Donovan will begin the adult class and luncheon on Sundays. If you have questions about confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation as an adult, email Fr. Donovan at [dcain@stthomashuntsville.org](mailto:dcain@stthomashuntsville.org).

**Want to be part of a Foyer Group at St. Thomas?** Interested in getting to know your fellow parishioners better? Then sign up to join a Foyer Group! These groups will meet on a regular basis in the homes of Foyer Group members for potluck meals and fellowship. Sign up this Sunday on the list posted in Information Hall. Questions? Email Julie Williams at [juliewilliams1968@gmail.com](mailto:juliewilliams1968@gmail.com)

**Moms Group for mothers with children age 0-18 – Thursday, Sept. 14 at 6PM.** The **monthly Moms Group** will be a time to come together as mothers with young children for support sharing in the love and laughter, and helping each other through the challenges and struggles of parenthood. One night a month we hope to come together to ask the good Lord for patience and strength and to lean on one another in this shared experience. **We hope you'll join us from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall.** Feel free to bring a friend! If you have questions, contact Audrey Cain [audreysherkin@gmail.com](mailto:audreysherkin@gmail.com).

**Newcomers! Come learn all about our church and our history in our new monthly Newcomers Class!** We are very excited to have you here at St. Thomas. We have two one-time classes especially for you. **Newcomers 1** will be on **September 10 at 9:30 am** in the Crossroads Room. This will cover the Episcopal Church. **Newcomers 2** will be **October 15** to learn about St. Thomas and take you on a tour! Call Elouisa Stokes for more information at 256-604-8669.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

**Youth Chess Tournament** is set for **September 10, following the 10:30 Eucharist.** Come to the Parish Hall—grades 6-12. Lunch will be provided.

**Young Adult Pub Theology** will meet at **6 PM, September 11** at Melt in downtown Huntsville.

**Book Club** will meet **September 11 at 10 am.**

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