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May 24, 2022

Dear Friends,

In my sermon this past weekend I reflected on the Gospel lessons of the last two weeks. The text for this weekend was the story of Jesus healing of a man who had been an invalid for 38 years. The "problem" was that Jesus had performed this healing on the sabbath, which upset the religious authorities. The man who Jesus healed betrayed Jesus to the authorities. The text from the previous weekend ended with the words, "By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Called to be known for acts of love, the Church often has been known for its acts of betrayal of Jesus. Our black brothers and sisters are living in fear because of the color of their skin. In the wake of the murderous racist hatred that gunned down ten of our black fellow citizens in Buffalo how will we respond in acts of love? We must act, for inaction also is a betrayal of Jesus.

Here are the options I suggested in my sermon. I welcome other ideas from you!

- The House of Representatives passed a bill to bolster federal resources to prevent domestic terrorism in response to the mass shooting in Buffalo to help officials better track and respond to the growing threat of white extremist terrorism. Email your support for this bill to Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand. It's easy. All I had to do was Google their names. Though we know how they will vote, we need to back them up. Let the voices of New Yorkers be loud and strong that racism is not to be tolerated.
- Let's take up a collection for the families of the ten black people gunned down in hate, the three people wounded in the attack, and those traumatized by witnessing this vicious crime. Brian and I are donating \$100 in each parish to this effort. Please join us. Make the check out to the church and put "Buffalo" on the memo line.
- Let's put Black Lives Matter signs on our church lawns.
- Let's buy groceries at the Price Rite on 611 South Avenue to show our support. This store could just as easily been the shooter's target.
- And when you hear people spewing hate, don't remain silent.

Live as Jesus did, in love and obedience, and let our actions show that we are Jesus' disciples.

I leave with you with this prayer on page 826 of The Book of Common Prayer:

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mother Julie+

No Bible Study June 1 or 5

Wednesday, June 1 Charlie Chapman will be buried at the Onondaga County Veteran's Cemetery and June 5 is the East Side Episcopalians service at 9:30 a.m.

Two Evenings Out

Both Parishes are Invited to Both Events!

June 4 at Emmanuel

Since June 5 is an East Side Episcopalians gathering for Pentecost, this time at St. Alban's, there won't be a service at Emmanuel on June 4. Instead we will gather at the usual time for an evening of fun.

4:15-5:30 p.m.

Game Night

Apples to Apples and other Board Games/Cards

5:30 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner

June 14 at St. Alban's

6:00 p.m.

Dinner (TBA)

7:00 p.m.

Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist.

Before the pandemic we gathered at St. Alban's on second Thursdays for dinner and the service. Many of us miss it!

St. Alban's News

The Memorial Service for Jim and Lucile Donahue, parents of Sharon Houck, is Saturday, May 28 at 1:00 p.m. A reception to greet the family follows. We need sweet and non-sweet food for the reception. There will be a DeWitt fire truck in front of the church to honor the Donahues, who were active members in the Chittenango Fire Department.

Vestry meets May 31 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Hot Dogs in the Kingdom is May 26!

Fourth Thursdays at Emmanuel from May-September

Free hot dogs, chips, and drinks

Games and prizes for the kids

Canine rest stop

In Person Schedule: All are welcome!

Saturday	Emmanuel	Coffee Hour: 4:15 p.m. Worship: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	St. Alban's	*Bible Study: 8:30 a.m. *Worship: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Emmanuel	*Bible Study: 2:00 p.m.

* Also on Zoom

Please Note: As long as Onondaga is "high"
on the CDC county map masks are required at both churches.

Zoom Schedule & Codes

Sunday

8:30 a.m.	Bible Study: 835 9000 0245 & 562087
9:30 a.m.	St. Alban's Holy Eucharist: 826 9515 6305 & 446765

Use your telephone for Zoom

Dial **1-646-558-8656**

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That will put you in Zoom's waiting room.

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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Other Events

First number#

Second number#

Tuesday

10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer: 824 6993 1403 & 680299
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Wednesday

2:00 p.m.	Bible Study: 840 0349 8213 & 586548
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