



CHRIST CHURCH  
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA  
FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 24, 2023 — 8:30 am

*Book of Common (BCP) and Hymnal pages are listed on the right. BCP: Book of Common Prayer (black),  
S or H: Hymnal 1982 (blue), WLP: Wonder, Love, and Praise (green), L: Lift Every Voice (red)*

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### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

#### Voluntary

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Processional Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken

H 522

*Celebrant*

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

BCP 355

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

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.**

#### Song of Praise

S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.*

### The First Lesson

**Exodus 16:2-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45** *Read responsively by whole verse.*

*Confitemini Domino*

**BCP 738**

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.**

3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.**

5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

**6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

**38 Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.**

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.

**40 They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.**

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.

**42. For God remembered his holy word \*  
and Abraham his servant.**

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.

**44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,**

45 That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws.  
Hallelujah!

## The Second Lesson

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Sequence Hymn

Rock of Ages

H 685

## The Holy Gospel *Standing*

Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Children's Homily

The Rev. Suzanne Hood

## The Sermon

The Rev. Suzanne Hood

**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.**

**Prayers of the People** *Stand or kneel*

**Intercessions for the Christian People**

God is a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in mercy, generous and forgiving to all who cry for grace. With confidence, let us turn to our God in prayer, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For people throughout the world who are suffering at this very hour from draught and famine, from economic distress and social disruption, from violence and war, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the church throughout the world, that we, together with all our brothers and sisters in Christ, may be effective agents of social transformation and reliable messengers of hope, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our own country, that its wealth and power might become a force for peace, rather than conflict; a source of hope, rather than discontent; an agent of friendship, rather than enmity, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our own community, and especially for those among us who are dispirited and broken-hearted, who find no hope or meaning or purpose in life, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves, that we may have the grace to rejoice with those who rejoice, to weep with those who weep, to grieve for others' losses rather than our own, to be quick to forgive and slow to take offense, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We remember those included in this week's Cycle of Prayer: Holy Trinity, Fayetteville; and St. Andrew's, Columbia. The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Audrey Von Dolln by her family.

Jesus said that when two or three are gathered together in his name, he will be in the midst of them. We give thanks for the opportunities for those at Christ Church to be together in Christian fellowship and the ways it connects us to each other and to Christ. We pray for the Parish Life Commission of Christ Church, that they will be strengthened to continue the ministry of fellowship to this parish family and beyond.

Lord God, in your presence none of us can boast, and all must ask for mercy; yet your Son has embraced us and called us to share in his labors for the salvation of every man, woman, and child. Grant us the grace to see what needs to be done and the wisdom and resources to do it, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Deacon and People*

**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.**

*Silence*

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your 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** *All stand.*

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

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

**Offertory Sentence**

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**Music at the Offertory**

**Christ be our light**

**Bernadette Farrell**

*8:30 am Choir*

## A guide to receiving Communion

There are several ways to receive Communion today.

Please come down the center aisle towards the Baptismal Font.

At the lower station, we have regular bread and a silver chalice or common cup. We also have gluten-free wafers, small individual cups of wine, and grape juice at the lower station. If you wish to intinct (dip your wafer into the wine), please use a small individual cup.

At the main altar rail, we have regular bread and the common cup. **If you wish to intinct, please use a small individual cup at the lower station.** You may stand or kneel as is most comfortable and prayerful for you.

Please fill in along the rail from right to left, and leave through the side entrance on the left side of the altar.

Receiving communion in one kind (just the bread or just the wine/grape juice) is also sufficient to receive the full benefit of the Sacrament. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, you are invited to receive a blessing from the clergy. Simply cross your arms across your chest when you approach the clergy. If you prefer to take communion at your seat, please let an usher know.

Hymn at the Presentation

H 380 v. 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer A

BCP 361

*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.**

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed 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 Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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**

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

### **Invitation to Communion**

*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.

*We welcome to communion all who have been baptized in any Christian tradition. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available at the lower communion station.*

### **Communion Hymn**

**I am weak but thou art strong**

**L 72**

### **Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitor**

*Celebrant* We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

*People* **Take these holy gifts of our Lord's Body and Blood and go forth in the name of Christ Church. May those to whom you go experience with us the majesty and mystery of His presence through the sharing of the bread and wine.**

*All* **We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.**

### **Post Communion Prayer** *Standing or kneeling*

**BCP 833**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

### **The Blessing** *Standing*

The Peace of God that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds on the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn**

**Rise up ye saints of God**

**H 551**

## Voluntary

### The Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

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

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### SERVING US TODAY

**Sound / Video Coordinator:** Zach Thuringer **Vergers:** Hal Stirling

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**Lector/Eucharistic Minister:** Patricia Holmes

**Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister:** Kathleen Hughes

**Eucharistic Minister:** Rodney Hayes

**Acolytes:** Julia Ballard, Cason Carpenter, Ada Ruth Canady, Ollie Canady

**Greeter:** Barb Forbes

**Ushers:** Randy and Joanie Bogle

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Holy Trinity, Fayetteville; and St. Andrew's, Columbia

*Thank you to Mary Ann Jones for serving as our musician today.*

### CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY AND STAFF

**Rector:** The Rev. H. Paul Canady III **Associate Rector:** The Rev. Suzanne Hood

**Deacon:** The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby **Director of Church Life:** Ellie Roberts

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**Term - 2023:** Howard Furnas, John King, Elizabeth Livingston (*Senior Warden*), Sims Wayt

**Term - 2024:** Tony Embrey, Phyllis Fox (*Clerk*), Rebecca Buchanan Leahy, Susan Moffat-Thomas

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### MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

## **THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH**

### **Sunday, September 24**

#### **Stewardship Kick-Off**

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Coffee available between services
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[Online](#))
- 12 pm: Coffee Hour
- 12:30 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)
- 2:30 pm: EYC at CROP Walk
- 3 pm: CROP Walk (Union Point Park)
- 4:45 pm: Youth Confirmation Class (Library)
- 6:30 pm: Sacred Ground (via Zoom)

### **Monday, September 25**

- 1 pm: Staff Meeting
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room)

### **Tuesday, September 26**

- 7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room)
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)
- 7 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### **Wednesday, September 27**

- 11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Parish House)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room)
- 5:30 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
- 7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### **Thursday, September 28**

#### **Pumpkins Arrive**

- 3 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room)
- 3:30 pm: Director of Music Search Committee Meeting (Library)

### **Sunday, October 1**

#### **Birthday and Anniversary Sunday**

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Coffee available between services
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[Online](#))
- 12 pm: Coffee Hour
- 4 pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room)
- 4:45 pm: Youth Confirmation Class (Library)
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)
- 6:30 pm: Sacred Ground (via Zoom)