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IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA
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Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 28, 2025 — 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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Beautiful Savior setting by David Cherwien

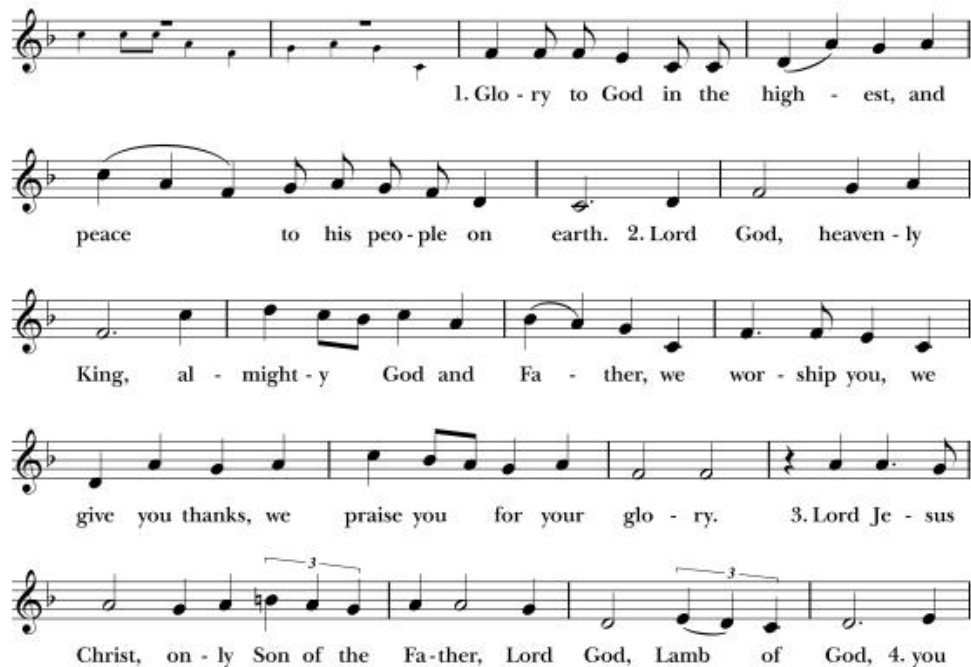
Processional Hymn Crown him with many crowns **H 494**

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 Glory to God **S 280**





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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.'

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse*)

Qui habitat

BCP 719

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

**2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."**

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.

**4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

**6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.**

14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

**15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.**

16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

The Second Lesson

1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

H 429

First verse sung by the choir. All sing verses 2 - 4.

The Holy Gospel *Standing*

Luke 16:19-31

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

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Children's Homily

The Rev. H. Paul Canady III

The Sermon

The Rev. H. Paul Canady III

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

We do not know the wisdom of God nor what the Lord intends. But we do know God's mercy. So, we confidently gather our needs and present them to God, the Father, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the leaders of the church that they may be single hearted in love of the Lord and in service to the people, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the imprisoned and the oppressed, the solitary and the unwanted, that they may know the love of Christ in the care of the Christian community, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who decide to follow Jesus, that they may keep sight of his cross and the joy it holds for them, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who live far from family and friends, that they may find companionship and friendship, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the young who are searching for their lives, and for those who seek honest work, that they may have the wisdom to know their gifts and use them for the human community, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who make decisions of consequence, that they may seek the Lord and choose what will bring life, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Betty Simon, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

We remember Grace Church, Lewiston-Woodville and Retired Clergy of the Diocese of East Carolina, in this week's Cycle of Prayer.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for the Diocese of East Carolina, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

The flowers behind the altar are given to the glory of God and thanksgiving of their 50th wedding anniversary by Rodney and Peter Hayes; in thanksgiving of their 35th wedding anniversary by Bob and Elise Broody; and in thanksgiving for our parents, Jane and George Kramer, on their 60th wedding anniversary by their family.

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord.

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love.

Loving Creator, you are our life and our prosperity. We who make mighty plans know that before you they are little. Fill us with your wisdom; hear us and the needs of all the world, that we may care well for your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

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

Music at the Offertory

It is well with my soul (traditional)

Joyful Voices

Hymn at the Presentation

The Doxology

H 380 (v. 3 only)

**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.**

Receiving Communion and One-On-One Prayer

Christ welcomes all to communion. Those Baptized in any Christian tradition are encouraged to receive communion.

- Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. • If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. If you wish to intinct, or dip the wafer in the wine, please hold the wafer in such a way that the Eucharistic Minister can intinct it and hand it back to you. Please do not intinct the wafer yourself. • Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available at the lower station. • Respond to communion by saying “Amen.” • If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. • Baptism is offered several times yearly; speak to a priest to learn more. • If you wish to pray one-on-one with a Prayer Minister, go to the Chapel after receiving communion or a blessing. • Prayer ministers hold all requests in absolute confidence.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer C

BCP 369

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection,

As we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Deborah, Ruth, and Esther; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

Communion Hymn

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord

WLP 810

Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitor *Standing*

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.**

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*

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

As those of old their first fruits brought

H 705

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fugue in G minor “The Little”

J.S. Bach

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace Church, Lewiston-Woodville and Retired Clergy of the
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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.

Please Note: You will notice that not all weekly church events are listed here. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire calendar can be viewed online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar> and in the Sunday morning email. Signs with the complete calendar are posted on the kiosk in the Reception Area and the bulletin board across from the Library. Daily calendar signs are posted on the church's exterior doors.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 28

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am: Coffee Hour and Sunday School for All Ages
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

Monday, September 29

- 8:30 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)
- 5:30 pm: Angel Tree Team Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, September 30

- 7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 11 am: Funeral and Reception for Betty Simon (Nave / Parish House)
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, October 1

- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Sunday, October 5

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am: Coffee Hour and Sunday School for All Ages
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 12 pm: LEV Meeting (Library)
- 3:30 pm: Racial Reconciliation Group Meeting (Pelletier Room)
- 5 pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room)
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)