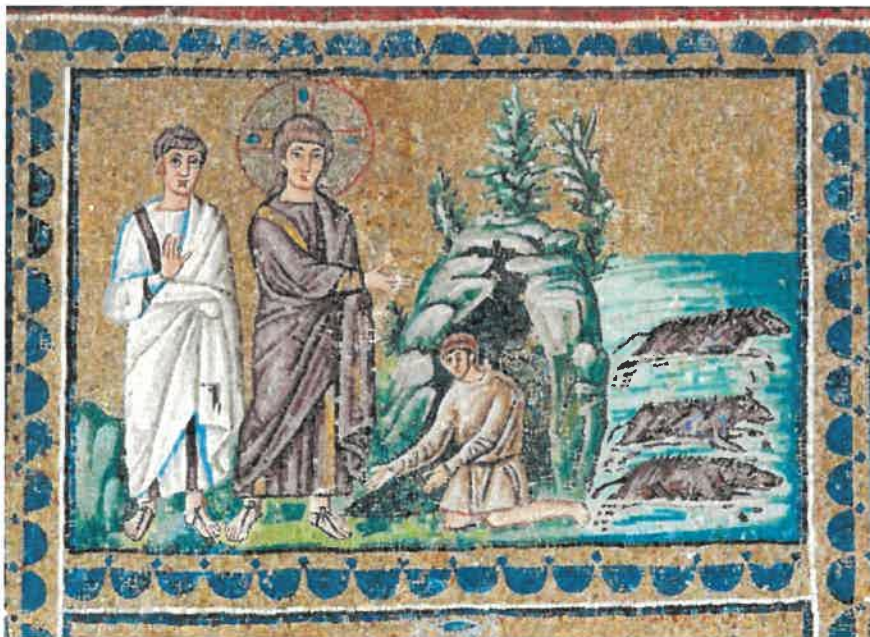


Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

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Today's Readings

The First Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

The Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Cover image: Mosaic of the exorcism of the Gerasene demoniac from the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo in Ravenna, dating to the sixth century AD

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Hear us today as we say, hear our prayer.

Strengthen Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our Bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, St. Stephen's Pro-cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola and all who serve in your Church, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honor one another, and seek the common good. Be with those who live in fear and danger, especially the people of Ukraine and the Middle East. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. Be with those celebrating this week: Brian Holt, Connie Fegley, Abigail Tull, Frances Graeff, Danielle Wah, Genesis Rivera—Obando, Father Bryce and Cliff Buckwalter and Anita Powell. 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. Bless those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and any we name now... Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, especially Almeta Feick, Frances Hartman, Janet Moyer and Aria Parker; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Merciful Father,

All: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Christ Church (Episcopal)
Reading, PA
8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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.

The Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

People: **Christ have mercy**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-15a (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 43 (read responsively by whole verse)

Give judgment for me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly people;
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

**For you are the God of my strength;
why have you put me from you?
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?**

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,
and bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling;

**That I may go to the altar of God,
to the God of my joy and gladness;
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.**

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?
and why are you so disquieted within me?

**Put your trust in God;
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

The Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

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

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed 358

The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin)

Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A on page 361)

The Sanctus 362

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 11

The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread 364

The Invitation to Communion 364

Everyone is invited to receive. There will be two chalices for receiving: the first to drink from and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking.) Gluten Free wafers are available; if you require gluten free please indicate this when receiving. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail.

The Post-Communion Prayers

The Celebrant first prays the following:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The all pray together on page 365

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

8:00 AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Communion Assistant

Terry Rowles

Lector and Intercessor

Rick Wolf

Altar Guild

Charlotte Hoare (Captain) Christine
Keeler, Fran Graeff, Josephine
Lawson, Mary Jane Androne and
Julie-Anna Gonzalez (Trainee)

Usher
Chris Spohn

Welcome to Christ Church

We are happy to welcome you to our church and worship services. Here are some things that you may find helpful. If you would like to know more about us there are cards that you can fill out hanging in each pew. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship Hall (down the stairs near the front of the church and on your right at the bottom of the stairs) to get to know us better. The most readily accessible restroom is through the door near the front of the sanctuary. Once you go through that door turn right; the restroom is across from the elevator. Parking is available for free on the street on Sundays and in the M&T parking lot behind the church on the corner of Washington Street and Madison Ave.

Christ Church (Episcopal)
Reading, PA
10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

Sweet hour of prayer

William Bolcom

Please stand

Processional Hymn 594 *God of grace and God of glory*

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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.

Kyrie

Kevin Hackett

The musical score for the Kyrie is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 2/2. The first system contains the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." with a long melisma on the word "mer". The second system contains the lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." with a long melisma on the word "mer" in the first phrase. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with clear vocal lines and accompaniment.

Music: Kevin R. Hackett (b. 1956), from *Hymn Times Mass*; based on *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johan Cruger (1598-1662), alt.
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-15a (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 685

Rock of ages

The Holy Gospel: Luke 8:26-39 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

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

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin)

Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements, Children's Message and Presentation of Vestry BCP'S

The Offertory Anthem

How Amiable

R.V. Williams

Presentation Hymn 380 From all the dwell below the skies (vs 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 Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A on page 361)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

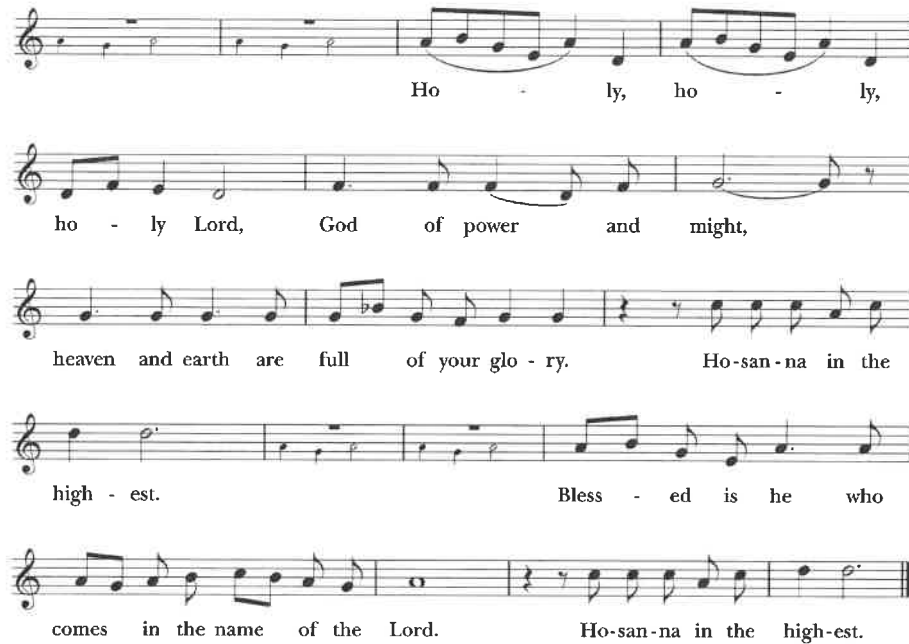
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving on page 361

The Sanctus

William Mathias



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 362

The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction Anthem

Taste and see, Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O taste and see, Taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord. of the Lord. **Fine**

The Invitation to Communion

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The Agnus Dei

Kevin Mayhew

Adagio (♩ = 69) **mp**
Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. **p** Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace. **pp**

The Communion Hymn 653 *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

If Eucharistic visitors are being sent forth today to take the sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion:

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

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

The Post-Communion Prayers

The Celebrant first prays the following:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then all say together on page 365

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 537 *Christ for the world we sing!*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Tocatta in D minor, BWV 538 ("Dorian")* J.S. Bach

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director

John Painter

Verger

Jeff Morris

Lector

Victoria Wilson

Intercessor

Mary Arguelles

Gospel Book Bearer

Ian Hoelscher

Ushers

Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp, Linda Jones and Sherry Faust

Communion Assistants

Victoria Wilson and Jill Braun

Crucifer

Derek Morris

Acolytes

Zoe Morris and Lauren Hoelscher

Altar Guild

Charlotte Hoare (Captain) Christine Keeler, Fran Graeff, Josephine Lawson, Mary Jane Androne and Julie-Anna Gonzalez (Trainee)

For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Sheila	Jay
Jeri	Laura	Lisa	Dwight
Max	Kate	Betsy	Lisa
Elizabeth	David	Lola	Sandi
Mary	Shelly	MJ	Shana
The Natale Family	Frank	Marie	Lori
Brenda	Jeff	Kevin	Lynn
Deidre	Zach	Ivar	Linda
Veronica	Jacqueline	Donna	Angelica
David			

Kindly submit any names you would like to be added to the prayer list by emailing Kim @officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org or writing the name on the paper on the table outside the chapel

Regular Christ Church Office hours:

Monday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM; Tuesday 8:00AM-12:30PM
Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

The Christ Church Mission

We are grounded in the values of love, service and faithful stewardship. Firmly rooted in compassionate collaboration, we welcome partnerships that nurture our neighbors and address pressing issues in our community. We endeavor to be a cornerstone for the city of Reading, enabling all that come through our doors to experience the dignity, purpose and opportunities that God desires for everyone.



Text updates from our Fantastic Five Mission Trippers (Milah, Jill, Amelia, Caroline and Emily): "Milah and I continue to be astounded and thankful for the fortitude, humor and kindness of your daughters. The family we are helping is lovely. They are so hospitable and refer to us as "my girls." She told us she is praying for less rain. We are each practicing our Martha and Mary skills ♦♦♦♦The Chaplin for ASP has taken a liking to our little group. He said this is the first female-led group he has ever seen and he is blown away by Milah's knowledge!"

Vestry

Diane Morris (Senior Warden/Stewardship)
Chuck Brantman (Junior Warden/Property)
Anita Powell (Pastoral Care)
Pam Wheat (Grants)
Carolyn Handy (Hospitality)
Rick Wolf (Finances)
Bob Kappenstein (Worship)
Kim Alarcon (Security Task Force)
Mary Arguelles (Children/Youth)
Jill Braun (Community Ministries)
Matt Hoelscher (Community Ministries)
Michelle Rowles-Cranmer (Daycare/Nursery Initiatives)

Our Ministries

Worship

Acolytes
Altar Guild
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors and Intercessors
Vergers
Guitar and Taizé Services
Healing Team
Centering Prayer
Morning Prayer
Ushers
Kristallnacht Service

Music

Parish Choir
Bell Ringers
Children's Choir
Fall Festival of Arts

Education

Adult Forum
Library
Children's Ministries
Education For Ministry
Bible Study
EYC

Pastoral Care

Cards and notes
Prayer Lists
Eucharistic Visitors
Flower Delivery
Pastoral Visits

Fellowship

Sunday Fellowship Hour
50+ Club
Hospitality Committee

Business

Property
Churchyard Maintenance
Stewardship Team
Planned Giving
Communications
Capital Campaign
Security Task Force

Community Outreach

Opportunity House
Rummage
Mary's Shelter
Narcotics Anonymous
Literacy Council of Reading-Berks
ESL Dinners
Daughters of the King
Episcopal Church Women
Helping Harvest
Veterans Coalition of PA
Angel Tree
Berks Youth Chorus
Sunday Service
Livestream
Berks County Community Foundation

Altar Candle Memorials for June are given for Blessings Received by Susan Frankowski; Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare; Sherry Feick Chandler by David and Judy Feick.

Altar flowers are given today for the Glory of God and in loving Memory of Almeta Feick, Frances Hartman and Janet Moyer from David and Judy Feick

Lectern Flowers are given today In Honor of the Wedding Anniversary of Anita and Cliff by Anita Powell



Do you need prayers? All of us have our times when we don't feel whole and we need someone to pray for us. Or, we have someone in our lives who is broken and needs healing. Our Healing Prayer Team is back on the 3rd Sunday of every month to pray for you and with you. If you would like to join them please come up to communion early (after the ushers and choir), commune with our prayer team, receive anointing with holy oil and then proceed to the baptistry for healing prayers.

Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man

And they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting down at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.
Luke 8:35 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 8:26-39 (NIV).

A	E	E	X	A	M	N	L	A	T	G	T	R	L	J
C	U	U	K	V	F	V	U	V	E	V	I	L	E	J
D	R	E	P	O	R	T	E	D	C	I	U	T	U	Z
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F	W	O	R	D	R	F	X	P	T	E	G	P	E	E
C	F	N	E	O	I	Y	W	T	R	J	G	Y	P	U
F	P	N	O	O	T	Y	M	D	U	P	U	N	O	B

FOOT	BEGGED	PEOPLE	HAND	CHAINS
PIGS	BROKEN	REPORTED	DROWNED	CURED
GUARD	GALILEE	HILLSIDE	DRESSED	JESUS
DEMON	FEEDING	SPIRIT	LAKE	EVIL

Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man

And they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting down at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.
Luke 8:35 (NIV)

Unscramble the letters and write the word correctly in the space provided.

1. TIRSIP _____
2. SIPG _____
3. DDERSS _____
4. DNEOM _____
5. LKEA _____
6. IELV _____
7. EESSDPOSS _____
8. NDORED _____
9. CREUD _____
10. IADLSE _____

sailed	demon	evil	pigs	cured
lake	possessed	spirit	drowned	dressed

This Week at Christ Church
Sunday, June 22—The Second Sunday
after Pentecost

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, June 23

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, June 24

930AM Zoom Centering Prayer
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, June 25

8:30AM Staff Meeting
12PM—Noonday Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, June 26

9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer
11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting
7:15 Parish Choir rehearsals

Friday, June 27

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, June 28

12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, June 29—The Third Sunday after
Pentecost and Independence Sunday

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

August 3 Mary's Shelter Bookbag
Collection Day at 8AM and 10AM

August 10 Blessing of our School
children's book bags with free Sweet Ride
Ice cream! 10AM



A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

Adult Forum

We are utilizing another *Pilgrim Course*. For six weeks we will be "Turning to Christ." "These six sessions...explore the questions candidates are asked when they become a follower of Jesus, the beginning of the pilgrim way." The questions come from our baptismal covenant and this will be a great way for all us to dwell in that covenant no matter where we are on the pilgrim journey of faith. Please join us.