

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



The Fourteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

August 30, 2026

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Rite Two (sung)

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8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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Please stand

The Liturgy of the Word

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

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

The Collect for Purity (said together)

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

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

People: **Christ have mercy**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come

no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

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

Glory in his holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Search for the Lord and his strength;
continually seek his face.**

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

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

Israel came into Egypt,
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

**The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful;
he made them stronger than their enemies;**

Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people,
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

**He sent Moses his servant,
and Aaron whom he had chosen.**

Hallelujah!

The Second Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Before the reading

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a

stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Celebrant: We pray for strength to follow Jesus wherever God calls us, saying, Help us to follow.

Intercessor: Jesus said: 'Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant.' Savior, we hear your call. **Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Unless you change and become humble like little children, you can never enter the kingdom of heaven.' We pray for our children, their parents, teachers and schools. Savior, we hear your call. **Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Happy are the humble; they will receive what God has promised.' We pray for those celebrating this week: Matthew Boggs, Jessica Helwig, Lincoln Miller and Brian and Fianna Holt. Savior, we hear your call. **Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Be merciful as your Father is merciful; love your enemies and do good to them.' We pray for all of those in authority and those living in places of war, especially for all innocent lives taken. Savior, we hear your call. **Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Love one another, as I love you; there is no greater love than this, to lay down your life for your friends.' May God be with those printed on our prayer list in the bulletin and any that we name now... Savior, we hear your call. **Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Go to people everywhere and make them my disciples, and I will be with you always, to the end of time.' We pray for ourselves and everyone who seeks to follow you, especially Bryce, our rector, Audrey, our bishop, Kevin, our assistant bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Church in the Province of the West Indies, and the churches and ministries of the Diocese of the Susquehanna. Savior, we hear your call. **Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.' We pray for all of those who have departed, remembering Diane Richards Morgan. Savior, we hear your call. **Help us to follow.**

Celebrant: God of mercy, you know us and love us and hear our prayer: keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace 360

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Prayers for the Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A from *The Book of Common Prayer*) 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 361

The Sanctus

All **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 Celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 362

Celebrant: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Celebrant and People: **Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion

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Everyone is invited to receive. There will be two chalices for receiving: communion rail. 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 Prayer

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The Blessing

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Celebrant: ...; and the blessing God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant at 8AM and 10AM
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Altar Guild Team
Linda Jones (Captain), Linda Lacey, Brittany Underkofler, Armani Rodriguez, Amie Henderson
and Julie Anna Gonzalez

8am Service Participants

Lector and Intercessor
Rick Wolf

Communion Assistant
Rick Wolf

10am Service Participants

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Communion Assistants
Kate Schuler and Jill Braun

Lector
Ashleigh Hoelscher

Gospel Book Bearer
Derek Morris

Intercessor
Jill Braun

Crucifer
Andrea Griffith

Verger
Jeff Morris

Ushers
Larry Whalen, Christine Keeler and
Zoe Morris

Acolytes
Elliott Brantman and Alex Brantman

Baptismal Candidate: Dalia Page Carvalho
Parents: Kevin and Tessa Carvalho
Godparents: Danielle Scirrotto and Jayme Carvalho

Greeting Team
Brenda Guardian, Daniel Harris and Justin Skwiat

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10am Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism: Rite Two

Hymns can be found in the blue books labelled *Hymnal 1982* or the green books labelled *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. Page numbers on the right hand side of the bulletin refer to parts of the service that can be found in *The Book of Common Prayer* (the black book in the pews).

Prelude

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Charles-Marie Wider

Processional Hymn 365

Come thou almighty king

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: **One God and Father of all.**

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

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Exodus 3:1-15 (see page 2 for the text of the reading)

At the end of the reading

Readers: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 439 *What wondrous love is this*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28 (see page 4 for the text of the reading)

Before the reading

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

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

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord**

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Presentation and Examination of The Candidate for Baptism

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: I present Dalia Page to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

When all have been presented the Rector asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Rector: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Then the Rector asks the following questions of the Baptismal candidate

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

The Rector addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?
People **We will.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Let us join with this child who is committing her life to Christ and renew our own Baptismal Covenant.

Rector Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Rector Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Rector Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Rector Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Rector Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Rector Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Rector Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Rector Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in

glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.
All **Amen.**

Baptism Hymn 297

Descend, O Spirit

Thanksgiving over the Water

Rector The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Rector Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Dalia Page, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Then the Rector places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

Dalia Page, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace.

Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

Rector God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. Dalia Page, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

The newly baptized is welcomed

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory Anthem

L'organo primitivo

Pietro Yon

The 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 (Prayer A from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 361

The Sanctus

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed 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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Celebrant and People: **Christ has died**
Christ is risen
Christ will come again

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 363

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Fraction Anthem

Jacques Berthier

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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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 Agnus Dei



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The Communion Hymn 460 *Alleluia, sing to Jesus*

If Eucharist 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 Prayer 365

The Blessing 366

Celebrant: ...; and the blessing God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen

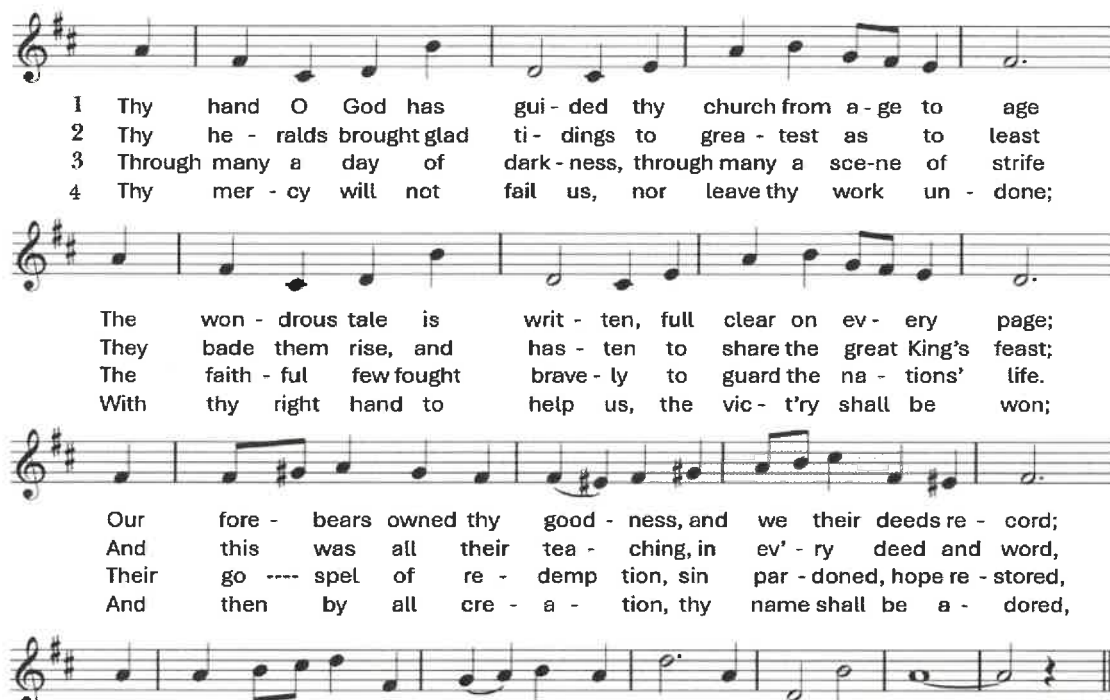
The Closing Hymn *Thy hand O God has guided* (see page 18)

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Tocatta in B minor* Eugene Gigout



1 Thy hand O God has gui - ded thy church from a - ge to age
 2 Thy he - ralds brought glad ti - dings to grea - test as to least
 3 Through many a day of dark - ness, through many a sce - ne of strife
 4 Thy mer - cy will not fail us, nor leave thy work un - done;

The won - drous tale is writ - ten, full clear on ev - ery page;
 They bade them rise, and has - ten to share the great King's feast;
 The faith - ful few fought brave - ly to guard the na - tions' life.
 With thy right hand to help us, the vic - t'ry shall be won;

Our fore - bears owned thy good - ness, and we their deeds re - cord;
 And this was all their tea - ching, in ev' - ry deed and word,
 Their go - spel of re - demp - tion, sin par - doned, hope re - stored,
 And then by all cre - a - tion, thy name shall be a - dored,

And both of this bear wit - ness: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.
 To all a - like pro - claim - ing: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.
 Was all in this en - fold - ed: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.
 And this shall be their an - them: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

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The ECW of Christ Church would like to announce the 2026 Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Shopping Event. For a \$5.00 donation, you get a pass for 25% most items for one day only, Wednesday, October 21 from 8AM to 11PM. Please see any ECW member for a ticket.

The Rummage Sale is back in September, Come check out our fall merchandise. Dates are September 2, 5 and 9 from 10AM to 1PM.

Regular Christ Church Office hours:

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

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For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Todd	Beverly	Mertz Family
Connie	Randall	Byron and Sherry	Randi
Albert	Ellen	Penny	Mary
Laraine	Sid	Darryl M.	Albert
MJ and family	Sandi	Lola and family	Randy
Kate	Max	Sue	Terra
Ashley	Joshua	Jeffrey	Angelica
Frances	Lola and Family	Bruce	Sandi
David,	Lou	Elizabeth	Larain
Steven	Jeri	Nate	Jim
Angelica	Antonio	Barrett Family	Smart Family
Tracie	Manovathy	Anne	Tong

Kindly submit any names you would 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 church.

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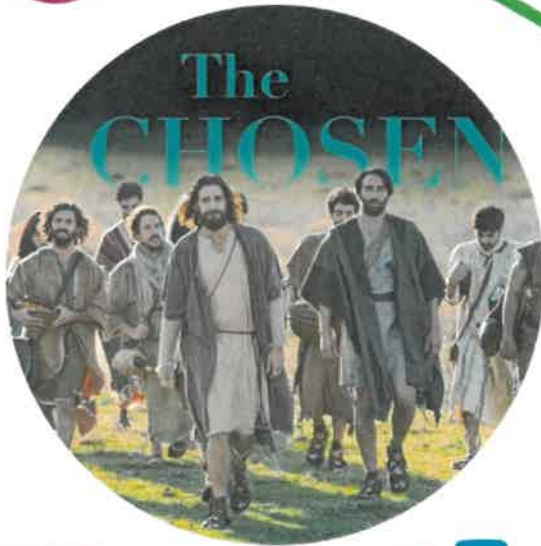
Bottom left: The shield of the Diocese of the Susquehanna

Bottom right: Line drawing of Christ Church, Reading



In 2026, the Fall Festival of the Arts continues its commitment to the City of Reading with six events celebrating the visual and performing arts. Go the webpage below for information and ticketing.

www.fallfestivalofthearts.org



The Chosen People's Choice Awards

Beginning on August 30th during our Adult Forum (9:05AM to 9:45AM) we will be looking at the life of Jesus and his followers through your chosen clips from the TV show *The Chosen*. Please join us for this engaging way to delve into the life of our Lord.

The Covenant Cup

Join us for the second annual **Covenant Cup**, a friendly golf outing between Christ Church and Trinity Lutheran, held at Heidelberg Country Club on **Sunday, September 27th**, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. This year, we are partnering with Habitat for Humanity. All proceeds from this event will go to support Habitat and their mission of providing quality, affordable housing to the people of Reading and Berks County. The afternoon will feature men's and women's longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests, followed by a celebratory banquet buffet. Final registration deadline is September 15th. Scan the QR code to register today!

A colorful illustration featuring several pets: a grey dog at the top left, a brown cat sitting in the center, a turtle at the bottom left, and a grey rabbit at the bottom right. The text 'The Blessing of the Pets' is written in a large, white, outlined font across the top. Below it, the date and time 'October 4 at 4pm' are written in white. At the bottom, a line of text reads 'Join us, with guitarist David Cullen, as we bless our pets.'

The Blessing of
the Pets

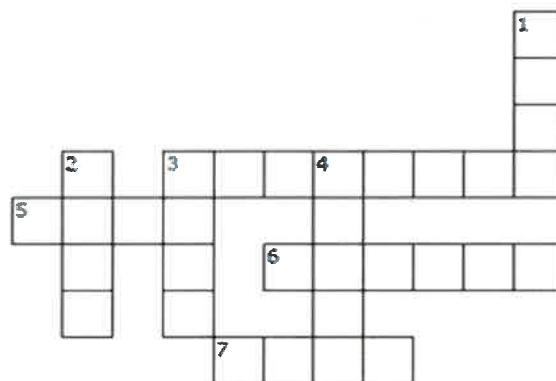
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ACROSS

3. One who believes in Christ and follows his teachings
5. The period between birth and death
6. To accept the leadership of someone
7. To no longer have something because it has been taken away from you or misplaced

DOWN

1. To keep something from harm or loss
2. To discover something unexpectedly or as a result of a search
3. To refuse to allow yourself to have something you want
4. The object upon which Jesus was crucified

FIND	LIFE	DISCIPLE	FOLLOW
DENY	CROSS	SAVE	LOSE

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GIVE	EXCHANGE	GOOD	WHOLE
FIND	SAVE	CROSS	GAIN
SELF	SOUL	FOLLOW	LOSE
DENY	WORLD	FORFEIT	LIFE

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, August 30—The Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)

9:05AM Adult Forum - *The Chosen*

10AM Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism
(sung)

4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, August 31

10AM-2PM Church Open Day

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, September 1

10AM Literacy Conversation Class

11:30AM Centering Prayer

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, September 2

9AM Staff meeting

10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale

12PM Noon Eucharist

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, September 3

9:30AM Centering Prayer

9:30AM Bible Study

10AM Literacy Conversation Class

11AM Morning Prayer

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, September 4

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, September 5

10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale

12PM-2PM NA meeting

6:45PM CCR at the Fightin' Phils

Sunday, September 6 —The Fifteenth
Sunday after Pentecost

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken) with Blessing
of the Football Teams

9:05AM Adult Forum - *The Chosen*

10AM Holy Eucharist (sung) with Blessing
of the Football Teams

4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

September 2, 5 and 9 ECW Rummage Sale
10AM to 2PM

September 6 Blessing of the Football
Teams 8AM and 10AM

September 9 Christ Church at the Highlands
2PM

September 9 Interfaith service at Oheb
Sholom 7PM

September 13 Sunday School resumes
Acolyte training and Pizza Party at 11AM

September 15 ESL Conversation Dinner at
6PM (Sign up near the chapel)

September 16 Beatles' Mass at 5:30PM

September 20 Ministry Fair at 9AM and
10AM

September 20 "A Dad's Love" Fall Festival of
the Arts concert 4PM

September 27 Covenant Cup Golf
Tournament 1PM

October 4 Blessing of the Pets 4PM