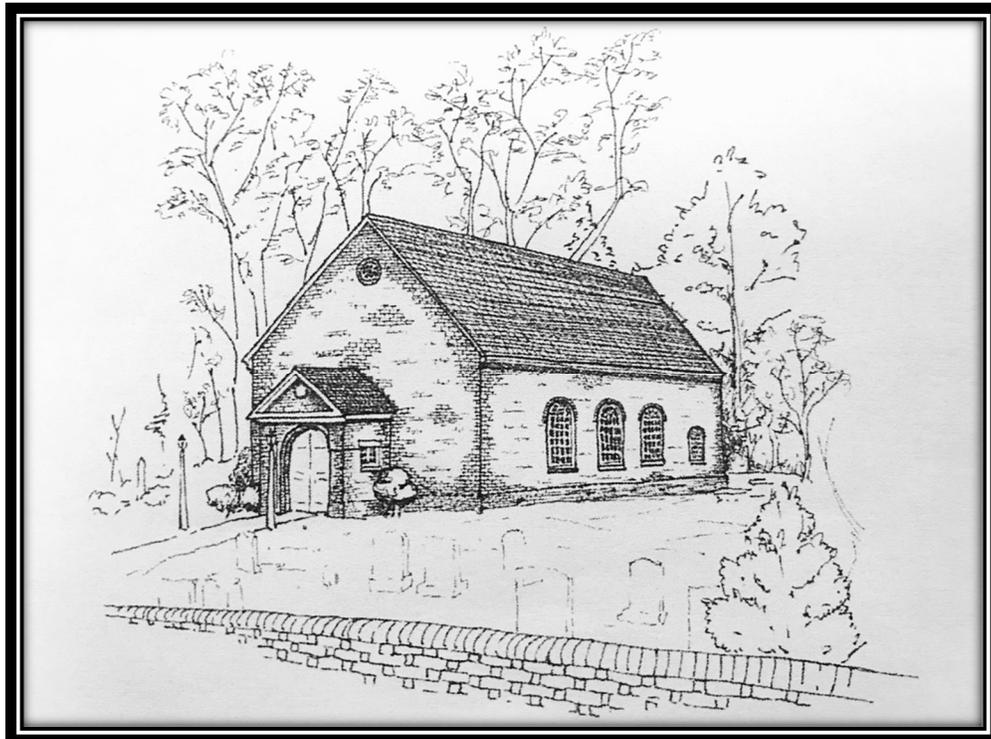


*Welcome to Christ Church Parish
(Episcopal)
July 23, 2023
10:30 a.m.
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*



Founded in 1666

*Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.
During the service, let God speak to you through
Word and Sacrament.
After the service, speak with your neighbor!*

Christ Church Parish Mission Statement

*We are a family of faith,
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and
service, who strive to love God
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

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Holy Eucharist: Rite II – July 23, 2023

God's patience and mercy.

Opening Voluntary "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty" Paul Manz
Processional Hymn 390 "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"
Opening Sentences BCP Page 355
Gloria in excelsis (S-280)

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (*Proper 11*) BCP Page 231
First Lesson Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23 BCP Page 794
Second Lesson Romans 8:12-25
Sequence Hymn 59 "Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"
Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
The Sermon The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
The Nicene Creed BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People: Form I BCP Page 383
The Confession and Absolution BCP Page 360
The Peace BCP Page 360
Offertory "Jacob's Ladder" Jason W. Krug

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendor, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
*All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A BCP Page 361
Sursum corda (Hymnal S-120)
Sanctus (S-129) BCP Page 362
The Lord's Prayer BCP Page 364

The Breaking of the Bread:

Officiant Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

People ***we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.***

Officiant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei (Hymnal S-163)

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.*

Communion Anthem "As the Grain of Wheat" Marty Haugen
 Post Communion Hymn 529 "In Christ There Is No East or West"
 The Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP Page 366
 The Blessing
 Recessional Hymn 344 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"
 The Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People *Thanks be to God.*
 Closing Voluntary Benedictus on "Sicilian Mariner" Gordon Young

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Domine, probasti

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
**you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Epistle

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'

But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at

harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

We give thanks with those who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Cindy Naylor, Harriette Floyd, John Quilter, Peg Moncure, Michael Kirk, and Marcia Prichard; and with those celebrating their anniversaries: Roland & Pat Anderson.

Please remember in your prayers those on our Prayer List: Jack Tarran, Gibbie Mangum, Pam McClelland, Betty Evans, Jim Ray, Ann Donoff, Susie Loustaunau, Joyce Riesinger, Barbara Cockrell, Kathy Page, Zubin, Merri Hanson, Lori Rexinger, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Dick Debnam, Janet Lundin, Lucille Redmon, and Jenny Wright.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion and their bishops.

The Eucharist is celebrated on Wednesday morning each week in the parish hall chapel at 9:30 a.m.

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