

HOLY COMMUNION
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

May 17, 2026



***Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church!** We join as a family of friends receiving Holy Communion every Sunday to empower ministry to our community. We are an inclusive fellowship – without exception. There is a place for you among us at Christ Church. Join with us. All are welcome to receive communion. Speak with the Priest to learn about being baptized.*

Priorities: Dear God, guard my heart against the endless craving for more. Help me find contentment beyond possessions. Help me to redirect my focus to seek Your kingdom and righteousness above all else. May my life reflect Your purpose and fulfillment. Amen.

***About Holy Communion:** We trust Christ to be truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized persons, children and adults, are welcomed to receive. Stand or kneel at the altar rail with palms extended to receive the wafer to dip into the cup of wine. If you would prefer a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to signal the Priest. (If you would like to learn more about being baptized, speak with Father Emanuel.)*

Mission Statement – At Christ Episcopal Church we gather to worship, pray, sing, and share so together we may serve our community and the world.

Voluntary A Hymn of Glory (Agincourt Hymn) John Dunstable (1370–1453)

(All stand.)

Opening Hymn

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Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Collect for Purity

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.**

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line has a D chord above it and the lyrics 'Come and wor - ship, roy - al priest - hood.' The second line has G, A, and D chords above it and the lyrics 'Come and praise Him, Ho - ly Na - tion. Wor - ship'. The third line has Bm, Em, and A chords above it and the lyrics 'Je - sus, our Re - deem - er. He is pre - cious,'. The fourth line has an A chord above it and the lyrics 'King of glo - ry. Come and glo - ry.' This line includes a first ending (1.) and a second ending (2.), both marked with a D chord above them.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Announcements

A Reading from Acts 1:6–14

(Lector)

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Silence for reflection follows the reading.)

Psalm 68:1–10, 33–36

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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Exsurgat Deus

**1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be ‘scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before ‘him.**

**2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it a’way; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence
of ‘God.**

**3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before ‘God; *
let them also be merry and ‘joyful.**

**4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the ‘heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before ‘him!**

**5 Father of orphans, defender of ‘widows, *
God in his holy habi’tation!**

**6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into
‘freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry ‘places.**

**7 O God, when you went forth before your ‘people, *
when you marched through the ‘wilderness,**

**8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of ‘Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of ‘Israel.**

**9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your in’heritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was ‘weary.**

**10 Your people found their home in ‘it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the ‘poor.**

**33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the ‘earth; *
sing praises to the ‘Lord.**

**34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient ‘heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty ‘voice.**

**35 Ascribe power to ‘God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the ‘skies.**

36 How wonderful is God in his holy 'places! *

the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!

Blessed be 'God!

(Silence for reflection follows the Psalm.)

A Reading from 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

(Lector)

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Silence for reflection follows the reading.)

(Standing as able)

Sequence Hymn

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A hymn of glory let us sing



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing, new
2 You are a pre - sent joy, O Lord; you
3 O ris - en Christ, a - scend - ed Lord, all



hymns through-out the world shall ring; by a new way none
will be ev - er our re - ward; and great the light in
praise to you let earth ac - cord, who are, while end - less



ev - er trod Christ takes his place— the throne of God!
you we see to guide us to e - ter - ni - ty. Al -
a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with Spi - rit, One.



- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The fanfare may be used as introduction, interlude or conclusion.

The Gospel

John 17:1-11

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

(Seated)

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

”I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

(Several moments of silence for reflection follow the sermon.)

(Standing, as able.)

The Nicene Creed

Minister: We rise to join in the Nicene Creed.

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.

The Prayers of the People Form VI

(Silence)

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For the leaders of the nations and for Donald, our President; Henry, our Governor, and for all in authority in our community, that peace through compassionate justice prevail and our country remain hospitable, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the homeless, prisoners, the addicted, victims of hunger, warfare, natural disasters, injustice, oppression, and violence; **that they may be delivered from their distress.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; and Dorsey, Andrew, and Frank, our Bishops retired; and Phil, our Priest; and other ministers; **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For those who are sick, in treatment, or recovery, especially **Erin Gardner, Julie Bowers, Melissa McPherson, Mark Riemann, Dan Musselman, Darlene Carnes, Debbie, Cathy, David Hagins, Amanda Ford*, John, Kay Lamberton*, Mildred Wilmot, Diane Hood, Tric Deaton*, John Port, Fionna, Allen, Rebecca Bryson, Wayne, Amelia Davis, Tom Brown, Linda Brown, Mike Lamberton*, Pam Giardiello*, Earle Holmes*, Aubrey Crawford*, Father Bill Walters**

Silence

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Remembering those celebrating birthdays especially, Anita Christman and those celebrating anniversaries especially Kip and Cindy Carter. We pray for Church of the Ascension, Seneca. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died who rest in your loving embrace. (*Names*)

Just and Eternal God, Creator of All: Convince us to work earnestly so the earth remains habitable for present and future generations. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Silence

We will exalt and give thanks to you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence)

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father: in your compassion; forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

(All stand.)

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Christ.

taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Sanctus

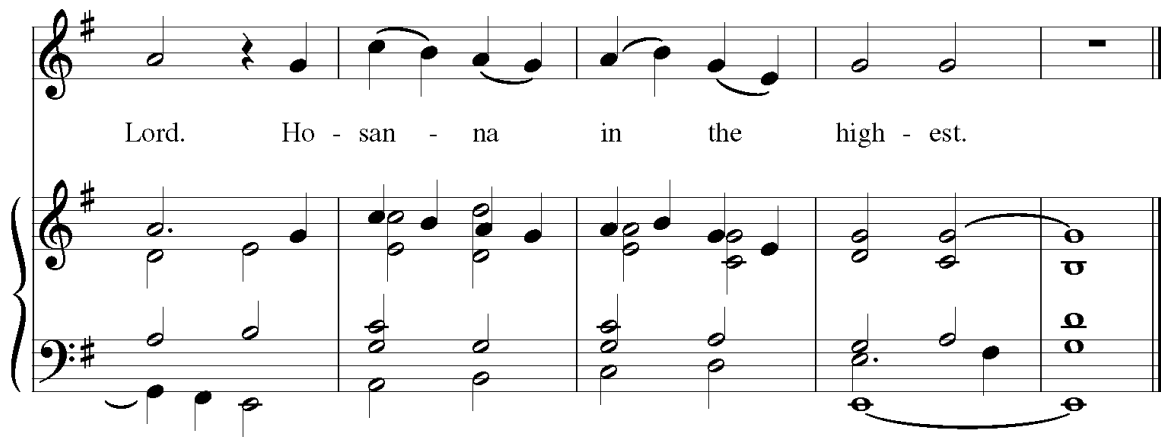
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Holy, holy, holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav - en 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



The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father, we proclaim the mystery of faith:"

Celebrant and ***People***:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalene, Peter, Paul, Phoebe, Andrew, Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, James and John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and **People:**

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Antiphon
Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

Fine *Verses*

— of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

Celebrant: These are 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. Come for all is prepared.

Music During Communion

(Standing or kneeling, as able.)

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn at the Closing

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Crown him with many crowns

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en-throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

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5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

The Blessing

Celebrant: May the Light of Christ fill your heart, soul, and mind that we, during these challenging days that we and all the world, be one in Him; and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you now and always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

TODAY

The Vestry will meet following the service.

The students of Dana Lee Walters will have a recital today at 3:00 pm at Christ Church. A reception will follow.

The flowers today are provided by Barbara Gibson in honor of her daughters, Mary Beth Lyles and Jennifer Page and her grandsons, Jonah, Ethan, Elijah and Samuel.

UPCOMING

The ECW will meet on Saturday, May 30th to clean the storage room downstairs. Please contact Joan Crawford for details.

The office will be closed Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day.

THIS WEEK

Fellowship/Discussion Group meets each Monday at 4:00 pm.

Support Group meets Mondays 5:30 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am

Church/Nave is Reserved for Rehearsals every Saturday from 10:00 am–1:00 pm

Choir practice every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 19th – Kip & Cindy Carter

May 21st – Anita Christman

FINANCIAL REPORT

2026 Pledge and Plate Budgeted: \$100,000.00

Pledge and Plate Budgeted monthly: \$8,333.00

Pledge and Plate Received as of April 30, 2026: \$8,796.40

This does not include any designated contributions such as EDUSC, HOPE, Sheltered, Ray's, etc.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

(* Denotes member) **(Please contact office to add/remove names)**

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PARTICIPATING TODAY

DATE	L E M	ACOLYTE/ CRUCIFER	USHERS/ GREETERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR	VIDEO OPERATOR
Sunday, May 17, 2026	Caroline Oliver	TBA	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Nicki Robertson & Kathy Sistare	Nicki Robertson & Philip McGuirt	Lisa Stamper	Linda Baker

Priest: Phil Emanuel

Parish Musician: Dana Lee Walters

Security: Ernest Jenkins

PARTICIPANTS NEXT SUNDAY

DATE	L E M	ACOLYTE/ CRUCIFER	USHERS/ GREETERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR
Sunday, May 24, 2026	Ernest Jenkins	TBA	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Joan Crawford & Pam Giardiello	Nicki Robertson & Philip McGuirt	David Ford

Father Emanuel is available for conversation regarding matters of faith and life at a place of your choosing and at times by appointment. He may be reached via the following: orionrigelstar@gmail.com or 843-325-3362.

SERMON: Copies of the sermon are on the table across from The Gathering Space.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Refreshments: We ask our members to provide refreshments (cookies and juices) for a Sunday. Please notify the church office so that we can create a schedule so we will not duplicate the refreshments on Sundays.

HOPE: Shelf stable milk (store brand is fine) grits, beef stew, mixed vegetables, sweet peas, jelly, boxed instant potatoes, canned meats, dry beans, juice (any type.) Please remember HOPE prefers plastic containers. Place your donated items in the shopping cart. Grocery bags are also needed. There are so many that are in need of basic food items.

Ray's Backdoor Ministry: Christ Church will continue to support the ongoing needs of this ministry. The cost to purchase items for the kits is approximately \$220 every other month. We assemble and deliver kits every other month as funds allow. This ministry is supported by individual contributions. Twenty-four comfort kits were assembled and delivered this month.

Cans for Kitties Project: Please remove labels and separate aluminum from steel cans, bag them and place them in the labeled green trash bin located beside the storage building behind the church. This ministry benefits our feline friends by providing spay/neuter services for cats.

Sheltered of Lancaster: Sheltered is a non-profit in Lancaster, SC with the goal of providing housing, showers, food and other needs for members of our community. Please contact Jamie Miller at 803-287-7443 if you would like to volunteer at one of their events. Christ Church supports this ministry by individual contributions.

Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, Prophetic Witness, 1760



Nicolaus von Zinzendorf (1700–1760) was a Count of the Holy Roman Empire who always had more interest in religious matters than in affairs of court. Following studies at the pietist center of Halle, he developed his own “theology of the heart,” which placed great emphasis on a close personal relationship with the suffering Savior. This “heart religion” was not just inner emotion, however, but was to result in a life totally devoted to the Savior. “All of life becomes a liturgy,” said Zinzendorf, and even the most mundane task can be an act of worship.

Always a champion of the underdog, he granted asylum to Czech Protestant exiles. Following a unifying experience on August 13, 1727, in their settlement of Herrnhut on his estate, the old church of the *Unitas Fratrum* or Bohemian Brethren was reborn and developed a rich liturgical and devotional life. This Moravian Church as it came to be called launched pioneer mission work, first in the Caribbean and then around the world. Zinzendorf himself became a bishop, and devoted his personal fortune to furthering the work of the church.

He was an early advocate of ecumenism, and in America he attempted to bring Protestant denominations together in the “Pennsylvania Synods.” He was not a systematic theologian, but produced numerous theological writings, widely read in Germany. In addition to these, he was a prolific hymn writer, and many of his hymn texts remain in use today in the Moravian Church and beyond. His view of the church is summed up in his stanza:
Christian hearts, in love united, seek alone in Jesus rest; has he not your love excited? Then let love inspire each breast. Members on our Head depending, lights reflecting him, our Sun, brethren—his commands attending, we in him, our Lord, are one. (*Moravian Book of Worship* 1995: 673)



Bishop of the Diocese of Upper S. C.

The Right Reverend Daniel P. Richards

Priest

The Reverend Philip G. Emanuel

Parish Musician

Dana Lee Walters

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