

Christ Episcopal Church



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Pentecost 21 / Proper 24
Welcome to Christ Church!
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – *I Know That My Redeemer Lives,* Michael Burkhardt

Opening Hymn – *Jesus Shall Reign* Hymn 544

Opening Salutation BCP 355

Collect for Purity BCP 355

Gloria Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day BCP 235

The Lessons (See Insert)

Gospel Hymn: *Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor* Hymn 596

The Sermon The Rev. Hal Weidman

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People (Form II) BCP 385

Confession of Sin BCP 360

The Peace BCP 360

Announcements – please be seated

Offertory – *The Heavens Are Telling* - Ludwig von Beethoven Choir

Doxology Hymn 380 vs. 3

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Sanctus Hymnal S130

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Fraction Anthem Hymnal S154

The Communion BCP 365

Communion Hymns – *In Your Mercy, Lord, You Called Me* Hymn 706

O For A Closer Walk Hymn 684

Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP 366

Blessing

Hymn – God of Grace and God of Glory Hymn 594

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude – *The Heavens are Telling (from The Creation)* Haydn arr. by Arthur Henry Brown

The Lessons

First Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

¹²Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ ¹³Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” ¹⁷The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” ¹⁹And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” ²¹And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Psalm 99

(Unison)

BCP 728

Dominus regnavit

¹ **The Lord is King;**

let the people tremble;

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

² **The Lord is great in Zion;**

he is high above all peoples.

³ **Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;**

he is the Holy One.

⁴ **“O mighty King, lover of justice,**

you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

⁵ **Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God**

and fall down before his footstool;

he is the Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among his priests,**

and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,

they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

⁷ **He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;**

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

⁸ **O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;**

you were a God who forgave them,

yet punished them for their evil deeds.

⁹ **Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God**

and worship him upon his holy hill;

for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Remember in your prayers: Ann Burnette, Arthur Callahan, Alexis Carr, the Cortese family, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Allan Dear, Bishop Tom Ely, Gene Greneker, Merrill Guice, Louise Harden, Michane James, Cathy Ann Kautter, Mike Lassen, the Mistick family, Gnann Moser, Ray Murphy, Brett Nelson, Lois Stevenson, the Stone family, Willa Valencia, Sue Marie Waddell, Michelle Weidman Ann Stone – deceased

Delegates and Alternates for Diocesan Convention – Molly Stevenson, Elise and David Sandbach (Delegates) – Paul Stevenson and Delrick Bradley (Alternates)

Congratulations to Alex and Savannah Weidman Randau who were married on October 4th

Special Notes

Welcome to our worship service. We are so glad you're here! Father Hal, the Vestry, an Usher or a member are available to welcome you and answer your questions.

Christian Education for All Ages At 9:15am, Children in the 5th grade and younger meet in the Education (Gabard) Building. Also, at 9:15AM Chris Roan continues her adult class on the Sunday Bible readings in the Parish Hall. At 5PM students in the 6th - 12th grades will meet in EYC Room in the Education Building.

Book Give Away - Marića McRae has greatly downsized her religious library by over one hundred books. A great variety from all faiths, Muslim, Jewish, Christian and the Far East. They are available during coffee hour for you to look through them.

Evening Prayer is held on Monday evenings beginning at 5:30 p.m. We invite you to join us.

The Tuesday Night Bible study led by Willa Valencia, will not meet Tuesday, October 24th. We invite you to join us on October 31st at 7:30pm at the home of Ron and Tammy Borders (1718 Williams St.). All adults are welcome. Please bring your Bible—any translation.

Wednesday Night Bible Study begins at 6:30 pm at the home of Ron & Tammy Borders located at 1718 Williams St. We are studying *Encountering God-Cultivating Habits of Faith through the Spiritual Disciplines*. If anyone is interested in knowing more or would like a book, call or text Tammy at 229-560-5889.

The Stitches of Love need your donations of new or gently used stuffed animals to donate to the Children's Advocacy Center to comfort and soothe abused children. Contact Deacon Patricia Marks at 229-630-8644 or bring the animals to the office.

The Week Ahead:

October 22 - 5p – EYC – Gabard Building
6p – Vespers – Zoom

October 23 – 10a – Garden Guild – Church Grounds
5:30p – Evening Prayer – Sanctuary

October 24 – 6p – Oktoberfest – Parish Hall

October 25 – 10a – Garden Guild – Church Grounds
6:30p – Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Borders' Home

7p – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

October 26 – 7p – College Ministry Dinner – Chili Cook-off

October 28 – 11a – Lunch Bunch

October 29 – 8 & 10a – Holy Eucharist – Stewardship Ingathering and Blessing

9:15a – Christian Education

11:15a – Trunks of Treats

5p – EYC – Gabard Building

6p – Vespers - Zoom

Servers

Eucharistic Ministers: Phyllis Holland, Jeani Synyard, Mike Tanner

Lectors: Phyllis Holland, Mike Holland, Marcie Dennard

Acolytes: Nancy Lutsko, Haley Hood, Elizabeth Hood, Mara Shenton

Altar Guild: Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, BJ Mistick

Ushers: Delrick Bradley, Mike Tanner, Paul Stevenson

Greeter: Martin Holland

Coffee Hour: Sallie Honeycutt, Pat Denmark, Eric Nielsen, Ann Burnette, Mimi Allen

Audio/Visual Crew: Tom Carroll, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker



First Wednesday Holy Eucharist, Dinner and a Program – November 1st we will have Holy Eucharist at 5:30pm followed by light dinner and heavy fellowship in the Parish Hall at 6:00. This month we will have a program on All Saints Day. November dinner will be Bring a sandwich and dessert to share. Vegetable and Potato soup will be provided. RSVP to the office by October 30th if you plan to attend.

Oktoberfest: For those of you who signed up to attend, Oktoberfest is Tuesday, October 24th, with the biergarten opening at 6:00 p.m. and dinner served around 6:30. Cost will be \$15 per person. The bratwurst is on its way from Usinger's in Milwaukee! **As this is an adult gathering for those 21 and older, please have proof of age with you. Childcare will be available in the Gabard Building.** And we could use more volunteers to bring potato salad (your favorite recipe or store-bought is fine) and/or rotkohl (red cabbage). The sign-up sheet for that is posted in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you there!



Grace Café Chili Cook-off – Thursday October 26th - When the weather turns *chilly* it's time for some chili! The Grace Café Thursday dinner for October 26th will be chili – and what better way to add a little *spice* than to make it a competition?!?!

We invite the church family to whip up a pot of your favorite chili recipe and drop it by the church the afternoon of the 26th. We encourage parish ministries to compete as teams, but individual entries are also great. As always, thanks for

your support of this important outreach ministry. Please contact the church office to register your chili!

Stewardship Ingathering and Blessing during the Holy Eucharists on October 29th at 8 & 10. Please bring your pledge cards if you have not already turned them in. Thank you!



Trunks of Treats - Sunday, October 29th at 11:15 am. We would love to have lots of trunks this year. We will set up in the front parking lot immediately following the 10:00 service. Please park in the back parking lot if you do not plan to offer treats, so we will have spaces available for those who offer treats.

Thanksgiving Events - Save the Dates - St. Barnabas Episcopal Church will be hosting an **Episcopal Thanksgiving Service** on Tuesday, November 21st - 5pm. Father Hal will be giving the sermon. Mother Susan Gage will be leading and Father Jim Pace assisting. A light reception to follow.



Thanksgiving Pot Luck Meal! - Thanksgiving Pot Luck Meal will be held on **Thursday, November 23rd beginning at 2:00 p.m.** Please let the office know if you plan to attend.