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may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Ecclesiasticus 38:27-32a

So it is with every artisan and master artisan who labors by night as well as by day; those who cut the signets of seals, each is diligent in making a great variety; they set their heart on painting a lifelike image, and they are careful to finish their work. So it is with the smith, sitting by the anvil, intent on his iron-work; the breath of the fire melts his flesh, and he struggles with the heat of the furnace; the sound of the hammer deafens his ears, and his eyes are on the pattern of the object. He sets his heart on finishing his handiwork, and he is careful to complete its decoration. So it is with the potter sitting at his work and turning the wheel with his feet; he is always deeply concerned over his products, and he produces them in quantity. He molds the clay with his arm and makes it pliable with his feet; he sets his heart to finish the glazing, and he takes care in firing the kiln. All these rely on their hands, and all are skillful in their own work. Without them no city can be inhabited, and wherever they live, they will not go hungry.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 107

said responsively

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
 and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
 that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
 from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes; *
 they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; *
 their spirits languished within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
 and he delivered them from their distress.

7 He put their feet on a straight path *
to go to a city where they might dwell.
8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
9 For he satisfies the thirsty *
and fills the hungry with good things.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 3:10-14

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw~ the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn #423**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

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

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:19-24

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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

Please stand or kneel

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the life you have given us and for the love and care that surrounds us on every side. During these final days of summer, help our eyes open to the beauty of your good creation which we can so easily take for granted.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world and for those elected to govern and lead us. Keep them ever mindful of the needs of those whom they have been called to serve, O Lord, that they might not forget the trust imparted to them by your people.

God of love, hear our prayer.

O God, send your Spirit upon this parish family. Help us to do the good work you have given us to do. Counsel us when to act and when to wait; turn our hearts toward those in

need, and away from our own preoccupations and fears. We pray also for all those traveling over this holiday weekend, that they may arrive and return in safety.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are ill, including those on our prayer list, those in our hearts, and those whose suffering is known to you alone. Surround them with your care and restore them to health and wholeness in your good time and way.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who labor in the night. We give thanks for the work of all caregivers, health care professionals, fire fighters, police officers, emergency dispatchers, and all who serve while we sleep. Let us never forget that our common life together is built on each other's toil.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those whom we love, but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest and let light perpetual shine upon them.

God of love, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept, ended by the Celebrant.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chris Streeter

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***Offertory** What have I to do with Thee, O man of God? (ELIJAH) Mendelssohn
Deborah Mello, soprano & Joseph Mello, baritone

The Widow

What have I to do with thee, O man of God? art thou come to me, to call my sin unto remembrance? – to slay my son art thou come hither? Help me, man of God! my son is sick! and his sickness is so sore, that there is no breath left in him! I go mourning all the day long; I lie down and weep at night. See mine affliction.

Be thou the orphan’s helper!

Elijah

Give me thy son. Turn unto her, O lord my God; in mercy help this widow’s son! For thou art gracious, and full of compassion, and plenteous in mercy and truth. Lord my God, O let the spirit of this child return, that he again may live.

The Widow

Wilt thou show wonders to the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise thee?

The Widow

Shall the dead arise, the dead arise and praise thee?

The Widow

The Lord hath heard thy prayer, the soul of my son reviveth! My son reviveth!

Elijah

Lord my God, O let the spirit of this child return, that he again may live!

Elijah

Lord, my God, let the spirit of this child return, that he again may live!

Elijah

Now behold, thy son liveth!

The Widow

Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that His word in thy mouth is the truth. What shall I render to the Lord, for all his benefits to me?

Elijah

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God; with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. O blessed are they who fear Him!

Both

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God; with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. O blessed are they who fear Him!

Widow
Blessed are the men who fear Him, they ever walk in the way of peace.
Both
Blessed, Blessed, Blessed.

*The Doxology

Hymnal #380, 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 Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.



Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 and Benedictus

8 am: spoken; 10 am: S-129

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.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Celebrant



There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

All are welcome at God's Table

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.

***Communion** Come Away to the Skies *Michael Larkin*

***Communion Solo** God Loves All Graceful Things *Eric H. Thiman*

<i>God loves all things that move with grace, The shiv'ring of the aspen trees, The bending grass before the wind, The leaves that sway in summer's breeze. The swan that glides upon the lake, The ripple of the flowing stream, The circle of the swallow's flight The clouds that almost moveless seem,</i>	<i>The rise and fall of silv'ry waves, The flutt'ring wings of butterflies, The curving scythe among the corn, The setting sun, when daylight dies. The autumn dance of wither'd leaves, The snowflakes steady, gentle fall, The gleaming slant of April rain, God loves them all, I love them all, God loves them all.</i>
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- Katherine Boland

Thanksgiving after Communion *Please stand or kneel*

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in**

the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

*Closing Hymn #541 Come labor on, who dares stand idle *Ora labora*

The Dismissal

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

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

*The Voluntary *Allegro from Symphony IV* *William Boyce*

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Cecelia Clayton

L.E.M.: Geri Livengood

Usher: Mike Ragsdale

10:00 am

Crucifer: Josh Szelstra

Lectors: Patricia Taggart, Tim Evans,

Tracy Zillmer

L.E.M.: Curt Wilson

Ushers: Mike & Denise Streeter

Blessing of the Backpacks

Next Sunday, September 8

during the 10 am service

As we kickoff the program year here at Christ Church, all kids and youth are invited to bring their backpack to church and receive a blessing during worship!



Joining us in worship & fellowship on August 25, 2024

8:00 am: 21

10:00 am: 110

Christ Church Prayer List

For those who are ill: Guenter, Jennifer, Joyce, Dawn, Bart, Lorraine, Kevin, Jane, Al, Susan, Joseph, Giana, Elijah, Patricia, Laura, Jacqueline, Rich, Daryl, Tom, Margaret, Mark, Michael, Phyll, Angela, Erik, Derek, Linda, Tina, Ryan, Julie, Antonia, Dave, Jesus, Gloria, Karen, Lavren, Tricia, Sunny, Ohelsi, Roger, Georgeann, Jennifer, Marie, Karen, Darlene, Laurney, Maria and Diana

For those with child: Jessica, Meredith

For those serving in the armed forces: Parker, Dean, Michael, Angel and Nicholas.

We rejoice with... Michael Love, Kurt Lutz and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Also with Matt & Kim Genung and Jason Fletcher & Elizabeth Buonomo on their Anniversaries.

Please contact Karrie Miller in the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list.

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