



CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED

WELCOME!

We are glad you are with us today as we worship God and receive Christ's presence given to us in the sacrament of bread and wine. This service is offered by livestream to those who cannot assemble with us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

THE OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 5, 2026

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 718 *God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand*

(blue) Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation

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

People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

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.***

All sing

All Glory Be to God on High

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -

hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who

to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,

your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray. Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; 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 for

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

All recite responsively

Psalm 145:1-9 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;

they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Lord is loving to everyone and his compassion is over all his works.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been

thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 620 *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

Hymnal 1982

The Gospel is carried to the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:43-48

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

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

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Once the Book of Gospels has returned to its place of honor, the People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Homily

Thomas Word Peters

Please stand for

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us declare our faith in God:

People ***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

Let us all be grateful for a land so fair as we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

Gracious God, you bless the creation with beauty in mountains and oceans, forests and fields. We pray for the whole human family, and for all the creatures of the sea and air. With freedom you bless all your creatures.

Guide us to greater care for the earth's treasures.

Guiding Spirit, fill the church with joy as we gather in Christ's name. Sustain your ministers with your grace, especially our diocese and our bishop, our preschool and parish, and for our companions in Jalanga. You bless the church as an instrument of your peace.

Stand beside us in our service.

Governing Lord, guide all who are chosen as leaders in the world, that they may use their influence for freedom and peace. God bless America, our president, our courts, and Congress; that liberty may lift her lamp for all who yearn to breathe free. You bless all your children.

Guide us with light from above.

Generous Savior, you came among us to touch the lives of those who are hurting, tired, and poor. Make wars to cease in all the world. Give peace to those who are suffering. Heal those who are sick in mind, body, and spirit, especially those we remember now *[pause]*. Your healing makes us truly free.

Make us a blessing to others.

God of glory, we remember before you our ancestors who helped establish this country's independence or maintained its liberty and justice for all. We honor their memory *[pause for silence]*. We remember all who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Grant them rest and peace.

Good and generous God, you bless our lives with family and friends, with times of rest and play. We give you thanks for all the happy occasions of life *[pause]*. We do not forget your blessings.

For all you give us, thank you God.

The Confession of Sin

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

People ***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

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory and Preparation of the Table

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering. Giving money is a sign that our life serves God's purposes and expresses our gratitude for God's many blessings. The ushers will receive the offering and present it on our behalf. Also, you may give online using Apple or Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo, a credit/debit card, ACH, or text a contribution to (302) 244-5368. For those who give electronically, a card is available in the pews to participate in the act of offering. Newcomers and guests may place the welcome card in the offering plate.

Anthem

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

The feast of love is spread; the wine of joy outpoured.

Now Jesus is bidding us come and dine at the table prepared for us.

"My body is bread indeed; it was bruised and broken for you.

Now eat it all in remembrance of me, and your soul shall be satisfied."

"This wine is drink indeed; 'tis my blood once shed for you.

Now drink it all in remembrance of me, for behold, it is freely given."

O sacrament of love; O testament of grace!

Lord, thus may we ever remember you 'til we sit at your feast above.

Please stand and sing

The Presentation Hymn 380, v. 3 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

(red) Book of Common Prayer 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

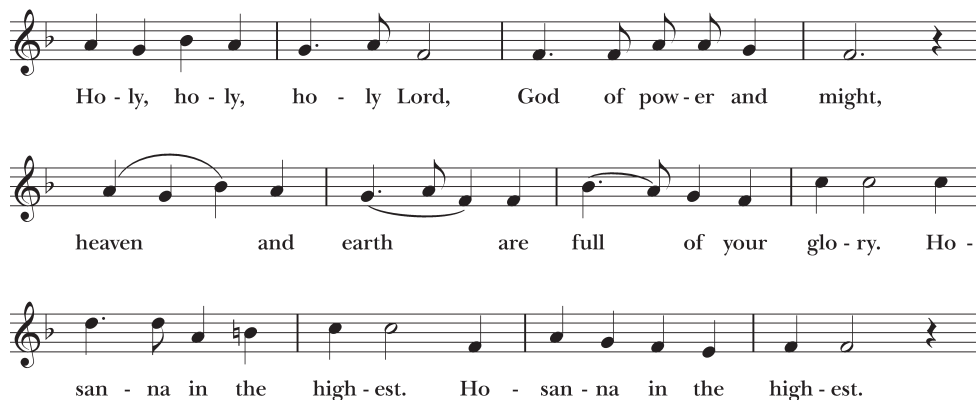
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

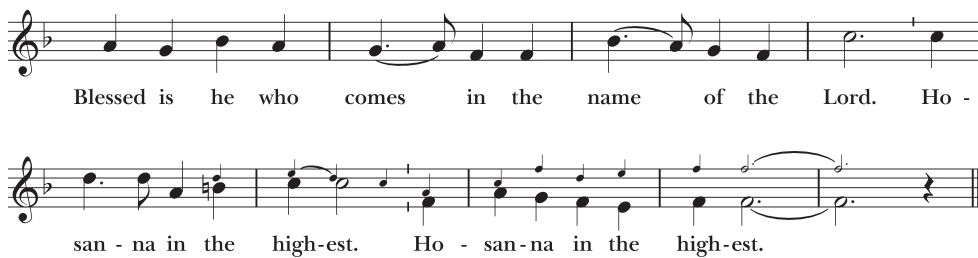
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our praise in the ancient song of the Sanctus.

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:





Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection, saying

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding

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 for ever. ***Amen.***

The Celebrant invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

The Lord's Prayer

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

We sing the anthem at the breaking of the bread, which is Christ's Body, broken for us. Please be seated after the sacrament is presented.



Setting: Gerald Near (b. 1942)

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. Come up the center aisle and take your place along the altar rail, kneeling or standing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intent. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free host is available; let the clergy know your need when they approach you. When you are presented with the cup, drink from it or dip the bread carefully into the cup and consume in both kinds together. If you do not wish to receive the cup, please cross your arms to indicate your intent, but wait for the minister to pass you before you leave the rail. Please use the side aisle to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Hymn 321 *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread*

Hymnal 1982

Please stand for

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant In thanksgiving, 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.***

Presentation of Colors

William Morley, Major, United States Marine Corps

All sing

Hymn 717 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

Hymnal 1982

A Prayer for the Nation

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People ***Amen.***

All sing

Hymn in Procession 583 *O Holy City, Seen of John*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Voluntary

Please take your bulletin with you or return it to the table in the narthex as you leave.

We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world. Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love and filled you with peace. Ask God to lead you to someone who needs an invitation to worship or encouragement in the blessing of your care. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

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JULY 5, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR FLOWER MINISTRY. One of the ways we provide Christian care to those in need is through our Flower Ministry. Each week, volunteers transform the Sunday altar flowers into small bouquets and deliver them to parishioners who are shut in or experiencing an important life event, such as an illness, birth of a baby, or death of a loved one. Experience the joy of brightening someone's day by delivering flowers to them! [Sign up](#) online. Another way you can help is by donating medium-sized vases for use by this ministry. Please leave donations in the reception area of the Parish Center. For more information about this ministry, please contact [Lee Kallos](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

9 AM SUMMER WORSHIP ON THE LAWN TODAY

On holiday weekends, July 5 and September 6, worship will be held outside on the lawn at 9 AM. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs for these services of Holy Communion, suitable for those of all ages. On all other Sundays this summer, our two 9 AM congregations combine into one in the Chapel, and our 8 and 10:30 AM services continue as scheduled each week in the Church, along with our 5 PM service on Saturdays in the Chapel.

SUMMERTIME DROP-IN CHOIR

Sing in our Summertime Drop-in Choir today, July 5, and/or next Sunday, July 12. Gather with us in the Church at 9:45 AM when we'll review the hymns and learn the anthem for the day.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – JULY 17

Following last year's 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services, our partnership with them continues this year as we offer monthly opportunities to pack grocery bags of healthy foods and distribute them to the cars of program participants. [Sign up](#) for a shift on third Fridays of the month.

SUMMER GODLY PLAY – JULY 19 & AUGUST 16

Children and parents are welcome to join us for summer Godly Play. The Children's Ministry will host these casual Godly Play sessions after the 9 AM service on Sundays, July 19 and August 16. All are invited to gather on the lawn (weather permitting) for a new story presentation each Sunday.

JULY OUTREACH COLLECTION

During July, we collect items for the YWCA and St. Michael's School & Nursery. Needed donations include new twin, full, and crib sheets and blankets, bath towels, wash cloths, and shower curtains, personal care products, diapers, wipes, bibs, teething toys, and gift cards to grocery stores, Target, and Walmart. Items may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance. Gift cards may be placed in the offering plate during worship services or brought to the parish office.

WEEKDAY & SATURDAY WORSHIP

During the summer months when you may be traveling, remember that Christ Church offers several opportunities for worship beyond Sunday mornings. Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Wednesdays at 12 PM, Thursdays at 6:30 AM followed by breakfast and Bible study, and Saturdays at our 5 PM contemporary service. Evening Prayer is also offered every Sunday through Friday at 5 PM. All services are held in the Chapel of the Christ Child and provide meaningful ways to stay connected through Word and Sacrament.

HOLY BAPTISM – AUGUST 9

Baptism is a wonderful occasion for a family and for the parish community! Who can be baptized? Anyone—infant, child, youth, or adult—who wants to belong to the Christian faith and life. Our next service of Baptism will be held on Sunday, August 9, at the 10:30 AM service in the Church. For more information, speak with the clergy or to register a candidate, contact [Jane Rubini](#) for an application.

JOIN US FOR CHORISTER SUMMER CAMP! – AUGUST 24-28

Young singers ages 8 to 17 are invited to a fun and enriching weeklong Chorister Summer Camp from August 24-28 from 1:30 to 6 PM daily. Rooted in the traditions of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM), campers will build skills in vocal technique, sight-singing, music theory, ear training, conducting, and ensemble singing. Plus, they'll enjoy recreational activities, team building, a virtual session with a guest composer, and dinner each evening. Open to both current choristers and new singers, this exciting week wraps up with a public concert for family and friends on August 28 at 5 PM. This is an exceptional opportunity for young musicians to grow artistically, build lasting friendships, and experience the joy of excellent choral singing. Register your child's participation by emailing [Cameron Kuzepski](#), our director of choristers.

CHRIST CHURCH GOLF CLASSIC – AUGUST 31

Enjoy a day of golf at Hartefeld National Golf Course on Monday, August 31, with all proceeds benefiting children's programs for our church and preschool. Your participation includes a round of golf, player gifts, a buffet lunch, use of the range and putting green, a cart, and "19th hole" drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Those who don't golf are welcome to attend the evening's reception with cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, raffle drawings, the presentation of prizes, and the coveted Al Smith Cup. Several levels of sponsorship opportunities are available as well. Link your business identity to Christ Church and its preschool while enjoying the opportunity to network, entertain clients, and have fun. Visit our [website](#) for details and to register as a golfer, sponsor, or for the reception.

GREEN SHOW LEADERS NEEDED!

Christ Church's Green Show has been a Christmas tradition since 1953. It features events that foster fellowship between parishioners and our community with all proceeds given to support local social service agencies identified by the Outreach Committee. The 2025 Green Show raised \$99,000 for our outreach partners!

This year's Green Show requires additional volunteers to help lead and coordinate several key areas of this cherished parish event:

- **Luncheon Chair/Co-Chairs:** Plan, coordinate, and oversee the luncheon on Saturday, December 5.
- **Silent Auction Chair:** Coordinate the silent auction on Friday, December 4, working with those who manage the three areas of the event—solicitation of items, catalog preparation, and setup.
- **Silent Auction Item Solicitation Chair/Co-Chairs:** Lead the effort to request and gather auction items.
- **2027 Green Show Chair/Co-Chairs:** Coordinate the overall event to be held in December 2027.

Your support is critical to the success of the Green Show. Help us continue this wonderful parish tradition by teaming up with a friend or family member to lead one of these key areas of the Green Show! Contact [Janet Clark-Amodei](#) or [Shelley Kinsella](#) for information.

HOST LEMONADE ON THE LAWN THIS SUMMER

Help us provide hospitality and welcome this summer by hosting Lemonade on the Lawn. These informal gatherings each Sunday between the 9 and 10:30 AM services allow us to catch up with friends, greet new visitors, and nurture relationships and connections with those in our community. Volunteers bring treats and set up beverages, and it's an easy, fun way to participate in the life of our parish. [Sign up](#) online.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Kelso and Charles Everett
Ford B. Draper Jr.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

NEW HERE? Scan the QR code to let us know or complete the card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.



PARISH CLERGY

The Rev. Ruth Beresford, *Rector*
The Rev. Thomas Word Peters, *Associate Rector*
The Very Rev. William Lane, *Pastoral Associate*

LAY MINISTRY STAFF

Sheila Abio, *Head of School*
Bruce Barber, *Director of Music*
Mason Cruz, *Minister for Children & Youth*
Jason Keller, *Saturday Worship Leader*
Cameron Kuzepski, *Assistant Director of Music/Director of Choristers*

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