



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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 2026

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 419 *Lord of All Being, Throned Afar*

(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. O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated for

The First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

All recite responsively

Psalm 65:9-14 *Te decet hymnus*

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

***May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.***

The Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because

of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 440 *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

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 13:1-9, 18-23

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

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

Ruth Beresford

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.*

A member of the parish leads

The Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The Intercessor concludes with prayers for the concerns of the world and the intentions of the church.

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 Celebrant declares the absolution.

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

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name.

Sing unto the Lord a new song.

Make his praise to be glorious,

Sing, rejoice, and give thanks. Alleluia.

Praise God in his sanctuary: Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise him in the firmament of his power: Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet;

With stringed instruments and organs.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name:

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.***

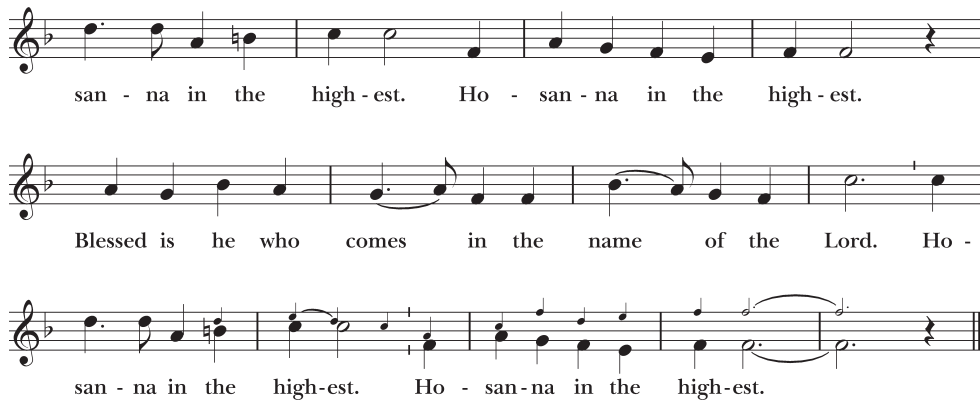
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 318 *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*

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.***

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People ***Amen.***

All sing

Hymn in Procession 438 *Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord!*

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 12, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

THE WORK OF OUR OFFICE VOLUNTEERS. Many parishioners generously offer their time to support the weekly operations of our parish. If you've ever called the office, chances are you've been welcomed by a friendly volunteer receptionist—a personal touch that is always preferable to a recorded message. Volunteers serve in this ministry by covering a three-hour shift once or twice a month. For information or to volunteer, contact [Sue Brandes](#). Others serve as Offering Counters, counting the Sunday offering and entering contributions into the church database each week. Their work provides an important internal control for the careful management of parish finances and saves approximately eight hours of staff time each week. For information about this ministry, please contact [Bill Jones](#).

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.

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 hosts these casual Godly Play sessions after the 9 AM service next Sunday, July 19, and again on Sunday, August 16. All are invited to gather on the lawn (weather permitting) for a new story presentation each day.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – JULY 19

Christ Church's Grief Support Group meets next Sunday, July 19, at 12 PM. Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are moving through the grief process are encouraged to attend either in person in the Commons Room or by [Zoom](#).

YOUTH LUNCH AT PIZZA BY ELIZABETHS – JULY 19

Youth ages 14-18 are welcome to join us for lunch at Pizza by Elizabeths next Sunday, July 19, at 12:30 PM. There is no cost to attend. If your teen plans to join us, please contact [Mason Cruz](#).

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.

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTS NEEDED – AUGUST 9-11

Several times a year, Christ Church hosts families from the Family Promise Network, when members of our congregation provide meals and a friendly face to those in need. Families stay overnight at Family Promise's campus on Milltown Road in Wilmington, and volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve, and clean up dinner there for up to eight families (approximately 35 people—mostly children) during the week. We'll serve just three nights next month from August 9-11. Learn more and [sign up](#) online.

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 online.

BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER – TRAINING BEGINS THIS FALL

Stephen Ministers are trained lay members of the congregation who provide one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing difficult seasons in life. They listen, pray, encourage, and walk alongside those facing grief, illness, loneliness, divorce, job loss, relocation, spiritual struggle, or other life challenges. A Stephen Minister is not a counselor or problem-solver but a compassionate Christian presence—someone who offers confidential care, faithful listening, and the reminder that no one has to go through a hard time alone.

Our parish is seeking caring, dependable people who feel called to share Christ's love in this special way. If you are a good listener, have a heart for people who are hurting, and are willing to be trained for this ministry of care, please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Your presence could bring hope, healing, and encouragement to someone who needs it most. Training runs from October 2026 through March 2027. To learn more or to express interest in training, please contact the Rev. [Thom Peters](#) or our Stephen Ministry leader, [Jaqueline Whalen](#), or visit our [website](#).

SPIRITUALITY BEYOND SUNDAYS

Kristin Peters is looking for a few partners to help plan and create events exploring practices that enhance one's spirituality. Ideas include full moon labyrinth walks, making and using Episcopal prayer beads, mini retreats, or other such practices. If you are interested in helping, please email [Kristin](#) or call her at (203) 506-3278.

Mark your calendar for our August Full Moon Labyrinth Walk on Friday, August 28, at 9:30 PM. We will assemble in the parking lot for the walk and conclude the evening with Compline. Bring a flashlight. Rain date is Saturday, August 29.

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 overall 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.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Jeannette C. and David H. Conklin
David H. Conklin II
Lucinda Carlyle Carpenter

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Harriet Word Peters

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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Michael Sayer, *Facilities Manager*
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Cindi Cozza, '27; Martha Henley, '29; ; Shelley Kinsella, '28
Kendall Meldrum, '28; Thorpe Moeckel, '27; ; Jamie Poston, '27
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