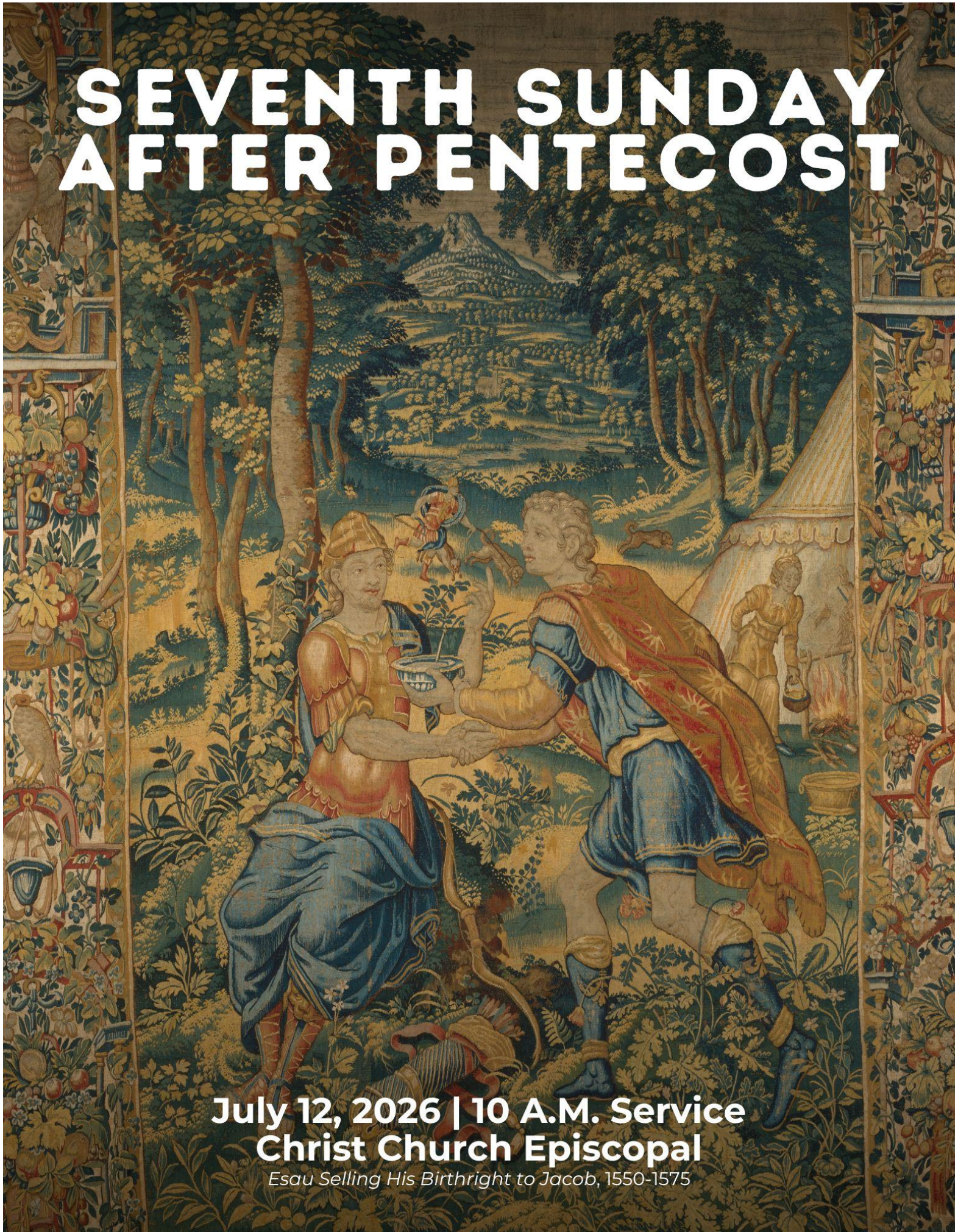


SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 12, 2026 | 10 A.M. Service
Christ Church Episcopal

Esau Selling His Birthright to Jacob, 1550-1575



This is the day that the Lord has made.

✠ **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

✠ **Processional Hymn: “Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

Baloche

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God

✠ **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Leader: Caroline M.

Almighty God, we open our hearts to you. Help us focus on you — how you love us, and how you guide us. We wish to delight in you, love you, and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ✠ **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

○ 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.**

✠ **Song of Praise: “Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”**

Baloche/Brown

Children ages 3-8 are invited to follow the banner to the Children’s Chapel.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS (25:19-34)

Reader: Jane E.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it is to be this way, why do I live?” So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

“Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger.”

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Word of the Lord

✠ **Thanks be to God**

SEQUENCE HYMN:

Leona Von Brethorst

i will en-ter_His gates with thanks -giv-ing in my heart. I will en- ter_His courts with praise. I will

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say this is the day that the Lord has_made. I will re-joice for He has made me glad.

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

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL READING – MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please remain standing for a prayer.

HOMILY

Adam Williams, M.Div.

✠ 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.

✠ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Leader: Kristine C.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ Lord, hear our prayer.

Guide the leaders of nations in the ways of justice and peace. Have mercy on those suffering from climate change, famine, disease, and natural disaster. Bless refugees, immigrants, migrants, and all displaced peoples throughout the world. We pray to you O Lord.

✠ Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of our community, this nation and the world. May they be faithful in seeking the common good, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ Lord, hear our prayer.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve and protect it, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ Lord, hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for_____. Are there others? We pray to you, O Lord.

✠ Lord, hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially _____ and those we name at this time. May your will for them be fulfilled. We pray to you O Lord.

✠ Lord, hear our prayer.

Most high and holy God, hear our prayers; May we know your love and presence this day and forever more, In Jesus' name we pray. **✠ Amen.**

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.

✠ **I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not hide what I have done wrong.**

(Silence)

God forgives and heals us.

✠ **Merciful God, we need your healing: Help us be truly sorry. Some sins are plain to us, some we cannot see, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.**

God forgives you.

Forgive others;

Forgive yourself.

(Silence)

Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

✠ THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

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Offertory Anthem: "Song of Isaiah"

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

✠ **Presentation Hymn: "Let My Life Be a Sacrifice"**

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(All are invited to come to the Table for the Eucharistic prayer)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER – The Church of Wales

INVITATION TO PRAYER

God be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

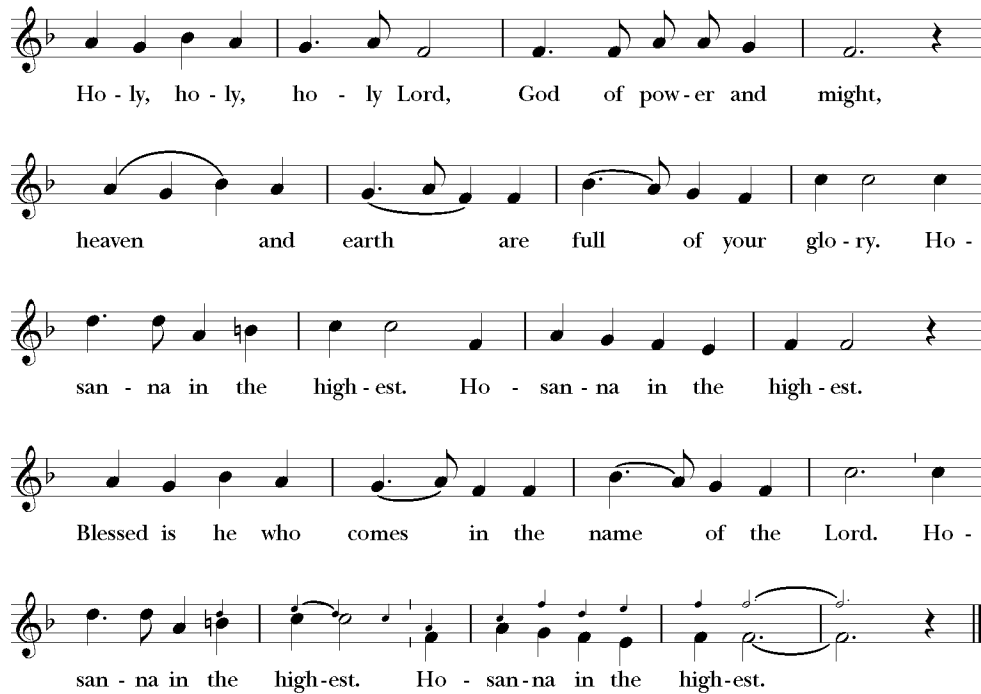
✠ **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✠ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Thank you, Father, for making us and our wonderful world. Wherever we are in your world, we should always thank you, through Jesus Christ, your Son: Christ is coming to reconcile and forgive. Christ is the new beginning. Christ is with us now. So, with the angels and everyone in heaven, we sing together:

✠ SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Great and wonderful God, we remember when Jesus had supper with his friends the night before he died: he took the bread, he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said: Take this and eat it - this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine; he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said: All of you drink from this cup, because this is my blood - the new promise of God's love. Do this every time you drink it to remember me.

Together we remember that Jesus is always with us and say:

✠ **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

So loving God, remembering how dearly Jesus loves us, we should love him too. Send your Holy Spirit, gentle as a dove, on us and on these gifts, so that, with everyone who eats and drinks this bread and wine, the body and blood of Jesus, we may be full of your life and goodness. Help us all to walk hand in hand with Jesus and live our lives for Him. All honor and glory belong to you, Loving God, through Jesus, your Son, with the Holy Spirit: one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we now pray.

✠ **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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

✠ **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*Please come forward when invited by the usher if you wish to receive communion or a blessing.
If you would like a blessing please cross your arms across your chest.
Gluten-free wafers are available. The second cup is alcohol-free wine.*

COMMUNION HYMNS:

✠ **“Holy Forever”**

Tomlin/Wickham/Johnson/Johnson/Ingram

✠ **“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

St. Columba

✠ **“Send Us to Love”**

Tan

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

✠ **God of all, you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in God’s work on earth. We ask this that the world may be loved for God’s sake. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL HYMN

✠ **“As It Is In Heaven”**

Maher/Cash

✠ THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

Following worship, please join for fellowship on the playground with lemonade and coffee, weather permitting.

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING AT CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL!

You honor us with your presence. Please join us again in worship or through our other ministries.

What's next?

Summer Sings Pick Up Choir

June 7-Aug 30 | 9:30 a.m.

Family Care Group

Sunday, July 12 | Zoom
Join group on Realm

Youth Service Project

July 14 | Register via Realm

Children's Ministry Movie Night

July 24 | Register via Realm

Youth Group @ Flying Squirrels Game

July 26 | Register via Realm

Northside Farm Tour

Wed., July 29 | 4 p.m.

Acolyte Training

Aug. 9. | 11 a.m.

Back to School Sunday

Sunday, August 23

Ministry Fair

Sunday, August 30

MISSION SUNDAY



SHALOM
FARMS

Today is Mission Sunday, and our mission partner for the month is **Shalom Farms**, a nonprofit farm and food justice organization working for an equitable food system in Richmond, VA. Join us on **Wednesday, July 29, at 4:00 p.m.** for a tour of the Northside Farm and the Mobile Market, and serve alongside fellow parishioners during our **Volunteer Day on Saturday, September 12.**

Watch for sign-up information and come experience this ministry of growing food and nourishing our neighbors. Email Father Drew for any questions at d.downey@ccerva.org.



REMINDER:

Don't forget to send your pennant pictures!



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2026 ESTIMATE OF GIVING UPDATE

July 6, 2026: 155 pledges totaling \$874,505

Total Received YTD: \$633,318

2026 Goal: \$1,050,000

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