

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



August 23, 2026 | 10 A.M. Service
Christ Church Episcopal

Der Hl. Petrus empfängt die Schlüssel, Perikopenbuches Heinrichs II, early 11th century

This is the day that the Lord has made.

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

✠ **Processional Hymn: “Everlasting God”**

Brown/Riley

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God

✠ **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Leader: Trinity T.

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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ✠ **Amen.**

✠ **Song of Praise: “Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

Baloche

Today, Children’s Chapel will take place in the sanctuary during the homily.

A READING FROM PAUL’S LETTER TO THE ROMANS (12:1-8)

Reader: Sara V.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord

✠ **Thanks be to God**

SEQUENCE HYMN:

from "Be Unto Your Name" by DeShazo / Sadler



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

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL READING – MATTHEW 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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: David W.

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 you have given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve and protect it, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord of all knowledge and wisdom, as we prepare for a new school year, we ask your presence be with our students, parents, and teachers as they embark on a new adventure. We trust that you await us in each moment and at every turn, and that we are never far from your love.

✠ 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.**

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS

✠ THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

✠ And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Offertory Anthem: "Here I Am, Lord"

Schutte

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

✠ Presentation Hymn: "Thank You, Lord"

Baloche/Moen

(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

Keith Tan

With Joy ♩ = 96

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11 - ry, 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!

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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:

✠ **"Above All"** Baloche/LeBlanc

✠ **"Revelation Song"** Riddle

✠ **"Because He Lives (Amen)"** Cash/Gaither/Ingram/Maher/Carson/Gaither/Tomlin, arr. 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

✠ "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

St. Anne, arr. Tan

✠ 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?

Men's Ministry Kayak Trip
Aug 29 | 8 a.m. | Mattaponi

Ministry Fair
Sunday, August 30

Back to Two Services
Sunday, September 6
9 a.m. + 11 a.m. services

**Office Closed for
Labor Day**
Monday, September 7

**Thurs. Morning Womens'
Bible Study Resumes**
Thurs., Sep. 10 | 9:30 a.m.

**Northside Farm
Volunteer Day**
Saturday, September 12

CCE Feast Day
Sunday, September 13

**Ladies Brown Bag
Lunch Resumes**
September 15 | 11:30 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE MINISTRY FAIR!

Join us for our annual Ministry Fair **next Sunday!** After the service, come discover all the ways you can get involved at Christ Church. Each ministry will have information to share about what they do, so you can learn more, ask questions, and discern where you might be called to serve. We'll have a food truck, Kona Ice, popcorn, and fun for the whole family! **We need your help! Use the QR code to sign up to bring a side dish.**



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August 17, 2026: 155 pledges totaling \$874,505

Total Received YTD: \$733,494

2026 Goal: \$1,050,000

Your generosity supports the ministries of this amazing community!

**SCAN
ME!**

