

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Southport, North Carolina



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: August 9, 2026
10:00 am

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

SONG OF PREPARATION

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;
surely, the presence, of the Lord is in this place.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymnal 390

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

(The celebrant prays)

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.

THE GLORIA (*sung by all*)

WLP 900

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Lector	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1-6,16-22,45B *(The Psalm is prayed responsively by whole verse.)*

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 **Sing to him, sing praises to him, ***
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 **Search for the LORD and his strength; ***
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 **O offspring of Abraham his servant, ***
O children of Jacob his chosen.

16 Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.

17 **He sent a man before them, ***
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.

19 **Until his prediction came to pass, ***
the word of the LORD tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 **He set him as a master over his household,**
as a ruler over all his possessions,

22 To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.

45 Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Lector	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: *"Dear Lord and Father of mankind"*

Hymnal 652 vs. 1,2

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:22-33

Deacon	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Deacon	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN: *"Dear Lord and Father of mankind"*

Hymnal 652 vs. 3

THE SERMON

The Rev. Lin Walton

THE NICENE CREED (*Celebrant and people together*)

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 worshipped 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: Form III (*the people respond with the petitions in bold*)

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

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

Deacon We pray for; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Sarah, our Bishop; Lin and Pam, our
 clergy; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

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

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

Deacon We pray for the sick and suffering and those who care for them. We pray also
 for those on the Parish Prayer List and the Prayer List of the Daughters of
 King. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Deacon We pray for those who have died. Give to the departed eternal rest.

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Deacon We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Deacon Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *(silence)*

(The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.)

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God our times are truly in your hands. Look with favor upon your Servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anniversary

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Look with favor on these your children whom you have united in marriage. As they celebrate the anniversary of their wedding, enable them to continue to ask for your help and the intercession of all the saints. In good times and in difficult, may they continue to grow in love for each other, and may they continue to resolve to be of one heart in the bond of peace

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS: WELCOME AND MINISTRY IN FOCUS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

(Celebrant continues): 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:

THE SANCTUS *(sung by all)*

WLP 858

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.

(The people may stand or kneel)

(Celebrant continues) 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith (*Celebrant and people say together*):

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

(*Celebrant continues*) 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 for ever. (*Celebrant and people acclaim together*) **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Celebrant and people pray together*)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

(Please follow the usher's instructions as you come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*Celebrant and people pray together*)

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.

SENDING PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Deacon In the name of Christ, and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing the body and blood of Christ to those who cannot be with us today. Take God's holy Word, the prayers of this congregation, and this holy food for holy people.

People We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Eternal Father, strong to save"

Hymnal 608

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God in Honor of our 66th Wedding Anniversary
By Rin and Carol Fraize.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Richard "Lin" Walton, *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Reverend Deacon Pamela Hayes, *Deacon*

Ricky Evans, *Verger*

Debbie Skillman, *Director of Music*

Lectors: Aedan Barnes, Denise Willoth

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Williams, Tina Powers

Ushers: Ross Lively, Scott Willoth, Mary Snell, Debbie Evans

Vestry Person of the Day: Marty Younts



Fr. Lin is hosting drop-in office hours every week! Stop by the office on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 PM or Thursday mornings from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. No appointment needed—just drop in for a chat.

After the summer break, **Living Solo** will meet on Tuesday, August 25 at 10:00 am in the Chapel Annex. This group is open to men and women to share ideas (coping skills), ask questions and find answers, or just enjoy time together. This is not a grief group. No required attendance. Come as often as you like! Attendees will share practical advice with empathetic, like minded people.

Find the joy in living solo!

For more information, please contact Diane Sloan.
(diruart@gmail.com)

Gathering Around the Table 2026-2027 – will begin again this fall. All that participated in the 2025-2026 gatherings enjoyed meeting parishioners and renewing some relationships. This is a fun way to share a meal in a parishioner's home or go out to dinner at a local restaurant. Forms will be available in the Narthex. **Deadline for signing up is Saturday, August 15th.** Groups start in October and generally finish by the end of May. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Kanto at babahnewell@gmail.com or 706-840-5789. Forms can be turned into the church office or to Barbara.

Join us for the Summer Service at Register Park each Sunday at 9:00. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the Intracoastal waterway.

Celebrant - August 9 - Jerry Gallagher

Celebrant - August 16 - Bill Pickering

Celebrant - August 23 - Mary Curtis



After a two month Summer break, the Book Discussion Group will meet next on Wednesday, September 16 at 10:30 to talk about *A Far-Flung Life* by M.L. Stedman. The book deals with the subject of secrets never to be shared and how to find a path forward when there are no right answers.

All who share a love of reading are welcome!

ECW Fall Festival Craft Workshop -Friday, August 14, 2026 from 10:30 am to 12:30pm

Friday, August 14, 2026 is a craft workshop for the ECW 2026 Fall Festival. A Shell and Craft Workshop at the Chapel Annex is to be held from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Please contact Deidre Doyle if you are planning to attend (ddoyle3@carolina.rr.com) or 704-685-2071.

Bring with you a high heat glue gun and glue sticks and material with which to work such as cones, balls, wreaths, etc. There are a number of supplies in the craft room upstairs in the Chapel Annex or bring items you have found in craft stores or thrift stores. Looking online at shell crafts is a good way to find something you will want to make. Deirdre and Jane will give examples of crafts you can make.



St. Philip's Golf Tournament: We urgently need Committee Chairs for:• Sponsorships; Finance (co-chaired); Marketing; Operations; Volunteers

Time is of the essence. Like... two weeks essence. Terry Meyers, ECW President, has bravely agreed to Direct this project, but she cannot do it alone unless she suddenly develops eight arms and a clone. So we need humans. Preferably organized humans. Golf knowledge is absolutely NOT required—if you can organize a calendar or send an email, you're qualified.

Join us. Make SPC history. Be able to say, "I was there when it all began." Contact Terry Myers at (919) 4917360 or tmyers2now@gmail.com ASAP!!!!

A Choral Invitation from the Choirmaster

The music ministers of St. Philip's, our chancel choir, invite you to join our worship ministry. Those who enjoy singing, listening, learning, and working with others to create musical offerings for our 10:00 AM worship service are welcome to join our dedicated group. The choir rehearses every Wednesday evening from 5:30 until 7:30PM, September through May, preparing music for Sundays, and choral services such as Tenebrae, and Advent Lesson and Carols. The choir also provides music for two services for the High Feast of Easter and other services as requested by the clergy.

We will start the program year on Wednesday, September 9 with our first rehearsal in the choir room beginning at 5:30 PM. If you have a desire to make music with others we'd love to see you there.

If you would like more information about the choir feel free to contact me in person, by phone 910 - 470-5652, or email me at deborahtskillman@gmail.com. I am sure that a current choir member would be more than happy to share the "choir experience".

"Sing with all your heart, for in your voice the love of God finds expression." Anonymous

ECW Lunch Bunch- Thursday, August 27, 2026 , 11:30am, at OLIVERS on The Cape Fear, 101 W. Bay Street, Southport, NC . Oliver's serves upscale cuisine, service and extraordinary waterfront views of the Cape Fear River. Make your reservation NOW for the Main Dining Room or RSVP no later than 8/20/26 to MaryAnn Bonifant at bonifantma@gmail.com . ECW lunches are open to ALL women, so invite a friend. Please wear your Name Badge. We look forward to seeing you!

Prayers of the People In keeping with our commitment to love one another, please offer prayers daily for those on our prayer list.

Alice K., Anna D., Stewart S., Paula S., Betsy A., Jamy F., Joe C., Lainey F., Bill J., David F., Judy G., Rick M., Lori C., Jill P., Nina E., Larry E. Mary F., Holly M., Beverly H., Terry M., Julie, Mary Beth R., Rich G., Mary K., Penny, Claire K., Ashton B., Beth R., Melinda, Sandy I., Michael W., Sarah P., Erin, Sawyer, Jordan, Martha J., Michael W., Michelle B., Penny C., Guy K., Dottie G., Karen G., Anne R., Marissa R., Bob S., Bill W., Anita H., Janet W., Paul W., Joseph L., Linda G., Pat P., John K., Phil K., Angela R., Elyse C., Katha G., Susan S., Garth E., John O., LeeAnn H., Jake H., Larry W., David H., Maureen W., Michael W., Adelynn H., Kay G., Henry L., Bill B., Ann T., Carolyn, Bud B., Sharon S., Nan B., Jean M.

Please pray for the victims and families of the many conflicts around the world, and all those affected by recent natural disasters. Please pray for all refugees from strife; pray for the starving, the homeless, the needy. Please pray for all seminarians and all those discerning their call to serve God.

Please pray for those who serve in the Armed Forces, especially: **Ricky, Cassia L.,** Noah D., Gorden B, Leila B., Shawn R., Spencer P., Parker P., Colin P., Ryan, Julious F., Alex, Amanda, Ileana F., Jordan E., Brooke, Cam, Oliver, Julie, Eric, Conall, Tom, Ben, John, Devon, Christopher, and Scotty.

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2025-2027 Vestry Tracy Baltz, Donna Foster, Paul Palmer, Kris Holt

2026-2028 Vestry Doyle Brinson , Chris Romig , Mary Russell; Marty Younts

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