

St. Philip's Episcopal Church



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

9:00am

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: "O Christ, the Word Incarnate"

Hymnal 632

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.

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.**

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 25:19-34

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.

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

PSALM 119:105-112 (*The Psalm is prayed responsively by whole verse, the people praying the bold verses.*)

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

THE SECOND READING: Romans (8:1-11)

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: *"Surely it is God who saves me"*

Hymnal 679 vs. 1

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Deacon 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."

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: *"Surely it is God who saves me"*

Hymnal 679 vs. 2

THE SERMON

The Rev. Richard "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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

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

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 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: "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart"

Hymnal 488

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Sandy and Will Scott by Jennifer, Mark, Brayden and Ali Williams.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Lin Walton, *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Reverend Pamela Hayes, *Deacon*

Debbie Skillman, *Director of Music*

Lectors: Don Halbert, Susan Chase

Eucharistic Ministers: Aedan Barnes, Susan Chase, Don Halbert

Ushers: Craig Elliott, Pat Elliott, Scott Willloth, Ross Lively

Vestry Person of the Day: Tracy Baltz

WELCOME Father Lin and Mother Christie!!!!

ECW LUNCH BUNCH - Come join us! Our monthly luncheon will take place on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 11:30am at PORTS OF CALL, 116 N. Howe Street, Southport, NC. This downtown venue offers a cozy atmosphere with a delightful menu of Mediterranean, Continental and American entrees. Make your reservation no later than July 14, 2026 to MaryAnn Bonifant at bonifantma@gmail.com. ECW lunches are open to ALL women so invite a friend. Wear your name tag. Need a ride? Let us know. We look forward to seeing YOU!

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

Celebrant – July 19 – Mary Curtis
Celebrant – July 26 – Bill Eberle
Celebrant August 2 – Bill Pickering

Theology Uncorked – Wednesday July 15th at 5:00 PM; NEW, NEW LOCATION: Uncorked by the Sea, next to Local Joes on Howe Street
Topic: The Beatitudes

Give Your Jewelry a Second Life for a Great Cause! If you have jewelry you no longer want or need, consider donating it to support our upcoming **Fall Festival Fundraiser**. Every piece donated helps make this event a success, with all proceeds directly benefiting those in need throughout Brunswick County
To Donate: Drop off your items at the Parish Office Front Desk.

Questions? Please contact Pat Elliott at patelliott94@gmail.com.

ECW Fall Festival News - It's time to be working on craft items for sale for the Fall Festival which is the first Saturday in October (October 3). Deirdre Doyle and Jane Mitchell will be coordinating with those who are making items for the sale. We know there are lots of our parishioners who do some type of craft and we hope that you would be willing to make some for the Fall Festival. We would like to know who is making items so would like you to contact one of us and let us know what you are making and how many of the items you will be bringing to the Chapel Annex on September 25. There are supplies available (shells, baskets, wreath forms, some artificial flowers, maternal, yarn, and ribbon) in the chapel annex for various craft items and you can contact one of us to gain access to those supplies. You can email or call either of us: Deirdre (DDoyle3@carolina.rr.com) or 704-685-2071 and Jane (twc9199291470@earthlink.net) or 919-602-2430.

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. This is for couples (or one can attend alone if the other is not interested) and single people. Groupings are no more than 8 people. One can join BOTH Dine-In or Dine-Out, or choose just one. Forms will be available in the Narthex starting July 19th. 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 babahnnewell@gmail.com or 706-840-5789. Forms can be turned into the church office or to Barbara.

UPDATE: Day4Hope is a back-to-school event providing supplies and services at no cost to our most vulnerable children and families in Brunswick County. This year it will take place on August 8 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Supply Elementary School 51 Benton Rd SE in Supply. **WE NEED EVENT GUIDES!** This involves escorting a family to the different stations to be sure they receive all the services they registered for. Because this is a Brunswick County Public School, they are requiring all volunteers to complete a simple background check.

To volunteer OR donate, go to day4hope-nc.org. Click on the box to Volunteer – there is a link there to the background check site. There are QR codes on the home page to donate books and school supplies through Amazon. That is by far the easiest way to do it.

If you have any questions, please contact Liz Halbert 847-863-3714 or lizbert5@gmail.com.

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

Stewart S., Paula S., Betsy A., Jamy F., Joe C., Richard L., Evalyn L., Lainey F., Bill J., David F., Judy G., Rick M., Alan P., Lori C., Jill P., Nina E., Larry E. Mary F., Julie, Holly M., Beverly H., Terry M., Julie, Mary Beth R., Rich G., Mary K., Penny, Steve, 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., Peter B., 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.

For all who have died in the communion of your church, especially **Jimbo Smith and Jerry Spray**. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Please keep Ruth and Pam and all the friends and families of Jimbo and Jerry in your prayers at this difficult time.

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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