

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Southport, North Carolina



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

10:00am

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: "As Jacob with travel was weary"

Hymnal 453

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

PSALM 139: 1-11, 22-23 (*The Psalm is prayed responsively by whole verse.*)

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 **You trace my journeys and my resting-places ***
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 **You press upon me behind and before ***
and lay your hand upon me.

- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 **Where can I go then from your Spirit? ***
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 **If I take the wings of the morning ***
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 **If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, ***
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 **Search me out, O God, and know my heart; ***
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh~ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ~ if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: *"Lord of all hopefulness"*

Hymnal 482 vs. 1,2

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: *"Lord of all hopefulness"*

Hymnal 482 vs. 3

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 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.**

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: "Open your ears, O faithful people"

Hymnal 536

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of my dear friend
Lillian Brenda Jackson by Carol Schirm.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Lin Walton, *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Reverend Pamela Hayes, *Deacon*

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Vestry Person of the Day: Donna Foster

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!

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.

Attention all St. Philip's Women! Next April 28-30, 2027, the women of St. Philips will venture off to Pine Knolls Shores for our annual retreat. This September ECW will hold a lottery for the 20 spots available. Please let me know if you are interested in attending and I will add your name to the list. Also, If you have any questions, please reach out to me @ alice.bkennedy@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. 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 babahnewell@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.

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

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.

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., 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.

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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