

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 12, 2018

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Opening Voluntary

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

Johannes Brahms

Processional:

I Am the Bread of Life

Hymn 335

1 I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger;

they who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up.

and I will raise them up on the last day.

2 The bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world, and they who eat of this bread,

they shall live for ever, they shall live for ever. And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

and I will raise them up on the last day.

3 Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man

and drink of his Blood.

you shall not have life within you, you shall not have life within you.

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,

and I will raise them up on the last day.

4 I am the resurrection, I am the life.

They who believe in me,

even if they die, they shall live for ever.

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

and I will raise them up on the last day.

5 Yes, Lord we believe that You are the

Christ.

the Son of God

who has come into the world.

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up.

and I will raise them up on the last day.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.*

Gloria in excelsis Hymnal S 280

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:

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

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.*

1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8 Benedicam Dominum

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

1 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, come into the day-light's splendor, there with joy thy praises render unto him, whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded; high o'er all the heavens he reigneth, yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

2 Sun, who all my life dost brighten; Light, who dost my soul enlighten; Joy, the best that any knoweth; Fount, whence all my being floweth; at thy feet I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, thy glory, given.

3 Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee, let me gladly here obey thee; never to my hurt invited, be thy love with love requited; from this banquet let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep its treasure; through the gifts thou here dost give me, as thy guest in heaven receive me.

John 6:35, 41-51

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon Rev. Nicholas Hull

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 look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the

The Prayers of the People

forgiveness of sins.

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

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

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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

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

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

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.

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, Announcements

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Music

The Doxology Hymn 380 verse 3

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.

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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:

Sanctus (Celebrant and People)

Hymnal S 125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

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:

Memorial Acclamation (Celebrant and People)

Hymnal S 132

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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.

Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem Hymnal S 154

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Let us pray

People 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.

Recessional Hymn

"Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein"

Hymn 48

1 O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright; this day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God Triune.

2 This day at the creation, the light first had its birth; this day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heaven, and thus this day most glorious a triple light was given. 3 This day, God's people meeting, his Holy Scripture hear; his living presence greeting, through Bread and Wine made near. We journey on, believing, renewed with heavenly might, from grace more grace receiving on this blest day of light.

4 That light our hope sustaining, we walk the pilgrim way, at length our rest attaining, our endless Sabbath day. We sing to thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son; the Church her voice upraises to thee, blest Three in One.

Dismissal

My friends, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be swift to love and make haste to be kind and go forth in the name of Christ.

The Closing Voluntary

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

Johann Gottfried Walther

We give thanks for the beauty of the Altar Flowers Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Zena Coates Johnson and Bradley T. Johnson IV By the Family

Monthly Prayer List: Hannah "Lou" Shelton, Julia Hall, George R. Lewis, Scott Derks, Marie, Peggy, Margaret Quintard, George Scouras, George Lester, Pam Robertson, Sally Jordan, Dorothy Hairston, William Fretwell, John McAdams, Hilda Olson, Renee, Billy and Marcy Smith, Missy Lannom, Donna Gregory, Tommy, William Niblett, Sr. and Lauren Prince.

We remember in our prayers our companion church of All Saints Keighley and its Priest, Jonathan Pritchard and our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas. The youth traveling back to England this week with the Bradford Youth Exchange. The Diocese of Haiti and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Jean Zache Duracin. The Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

Congratulations on the birth of a son, Brooks Schottland Gravely parents, Jennifer and Clay Gravely born on Wednesday, August 8, 2018, at 3:44 am and weighing 7 lbs 4.8 oz. He is the Grandson of Crystal Austin and the late Harry Clay Gravely, III and Ben and Page Beeler. Brooks also has an older brother, Quinn Gravely.

Vestry meeting - Wednesday, August 15th at 5:30 pm in the Parish House. Mission Committee meeting - Thursday, August 16th at 1:00 pm in the Parish House. King's Grant Service - Thursday, August 16th at 3:00 pm. Christ Episcopal Church offers Holy Eucharist in the Chapel at King's Grant on a specified Thursday of each month.

Adult Choir Rehearsal -Thursday, August 16th at 7:00 pm.

Infinity Acres Ranch Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – Saturday, August 18th 4:00 – 8:00 pm in the CEC Undercroft. Come out and support our local non-profit while enjoying a great meal. Lamas will greet you in the parking lot. Adult Dinner: \$8.00 Child under 8: \$4.00. Walk ins or advance sale tickets. Please call 276-358-2378 for advance sale tickets. Carry out is also available. 50/50 raffles, donations accepted.

Community Breakfast - <u>The Mission Committee</u>, under the leadership of Susan Critz, <u>will host a Community Breakfast</u>, <u>Sunday</u>, <u>August 26th 8:30 - 10:00 am in the Undercroft</u>.

Christ Church Summer Picnic - Smith River Sports Complex, Sunday August 26th. Please refer to the announcement listed below for complete details. <u>SIGN UP by Monday, August 20th</u> online under Volunteers.

Knitters Club Meeting - Monday, August 27th at 10:30 am in the Parish House. Knitters of all levels are welcomed and encouraged to join the group as they create prayer shawls to be blessed and given to those in need.

Blue Ridge Nursing Home Service – Tuesday, August 28th at 11:00 am. On a specified Tuesday of every month we go to the memory care unit at Blue Ridge nursing home. Around forty people come to the service from all different backgrounds, and we joyfully pray, worship and sing with them! It is a privilege to worship with the people at Blue Ridge, and to share our faith with each other. Come join us for this unique service!

Loaves & Fishes - Wednesday, August 29th from 5:30-6:15 pm. They are in need of desserts & people to help serve & clean-up. With more and more people attending this community ministry each month, the cost has gone up. We are in dire need of a lot of desserts and fruit. People are also needed to help serve and clean-up! Please sign up under the volunteer link.

Happy Birthday this week to: 8/14 Edward Arrington, Baylie Coleman; 8/16 Phil Gardner, Hillary Mazurek

Grace Network Sunday - Our Grace Network Assignments for August thru September 2018: Canned Fruit (15 oz). For the month of August: Bath Soap, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste. Use the Food Lion card for your shopping or give the card to Sue Rosser to shop for Grace Network.

Jesus said to them I ANT THE BREAD OF LIFE He who comes to me will not hunger and He who believes in me will never thirst.

The July 25th Loaves & Fishes community meal gave us an opportunity to broaden our ministry to reach out to more people in need. We were asked by PCS (Piedmont Community Services) to prepare meals for 45 of their residents who were displaced in the recent fire that destroyed their apartment complex on Church Street. These meals were delivered to the Dutch Inn per PCS's request.

The purchases for the meal were based on 175 people at a cost of \$497.19 for the food, \$7.05 for ice and \$53.25 for paper products and supplies (which will be used for more meals than just this one so ¼ or \$13.31) for a total of \$517.55. This averages out to be \$2.96/person based on 175 individuals. With these funds, volunteers cooked and served 10 – 10lb hams, 115lbs of green beans and 70lbs of potato salad along with yeast rolls and drinks. Fruit and desserts were donated by members which completed these meals and didn't need to be purchased. The Loaves & Fishes checking account covered the \$350 that we are given each month by Missions and Missions covered the remainder at a total of \$207.49. As mentioned previously, the paper products and supplies will also be used for the upcoming community breakfasts.

Without members donating all of the fruit and desserts in July, if we had to purchase everything, we would have been way over our \$350 budget before we even got started. If the paper products and supplies are used strictly for L&F, they are normally purchased on a quarterly basis. The number served grows each month with the ever increasing need in our community. With the extra people to serve, the need for donated fruit and desserts each month is ongoing.

If you have suggestions on how to get more members to participate and donate fruits and desserts each month, please let me know. All suggestions and feedback are welcome.

. THANK YOU to everyone that donated and/or helped with the meal.

Respectively submitted, David Cole, Loaves & Fishes Chairman



The Christ Episcopal Church Summer Picnic will be held at the Smith River Sports Complex on August 26 from 2 to 7 PM. You may opt to float down the river, or simply come enjoy a summertime meal. If you plan to canoe or kayak, meet by the river at the Sports Complex at 2 PM (signs will direct you to the parking area). Those who wish, will kayak from the put in area near KFC to the complex (about a 2- 2 ½ hour float). Shuttle service will be provided between the Sports Complex and the put in.

If you are coming to picnic, enjoy games, socialize, hike the paw path etc., arrive at the Sports Complex between 4:30 and 5:00 PM. A delicious dinner will be served at 6 PM. Bring lawn chairs, sunscreen, and bug spray. Lemonade and water will be provided. Please bring your choice of beverage, if it is different. The dinner cost is payable at the church office in person, by mail, or by dropping it into the offering plate. Please write "PICNIC" in the memo line. The cost is:

- \$10 per Adult
- \$5 per Child (12 years old & under)
- Children Under 5 Eat Free

Canoes and kayaks may be rented through Brian Williams. Please contact him at 276-634-2545 or 276-618-1457 to discuss what he has available for your specific needs and to make the rental payment. There are a limited number of rental boats and they will be offered on a first come, first served basis. The cost is:

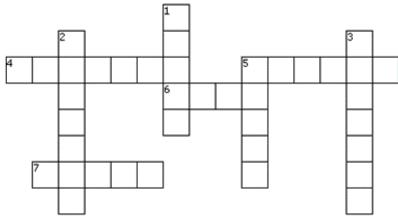
Canoe Rental: \$40
 Single Kayak Rental: \$30
 Tandem Kayak Rental: \$40

The sign-up sheet for picnicking or floating, desserts and tents is on-line, go to the Volunteer link on our website, www.christchurchmvl.org. Please sign-up on or before August 21 at noon. In the case of rain, the float down the river will be cancelled and the picnic will be held in the Riverfest field by the paw path.

Jesus the Bread of Life

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." John 6:51 (NIV)





ACROSS

- For everlasting time; eternally
- To make an effort to hear something; to pay attention
- 6. To continue to be alive
- 7. The Son of God

DOWN

- The earth with its inhabitants
- A person who speaks for God; Isaiah, for example
- 3. To accept as true or real
- To gain knowledge through experience or study

	Jesus	listen	believe	forever
١	prophet	learn	live	world

Thank you to those who serve:

Chalicists: Sarah Beth Morrison

Lector/prayers: Greg Morrison Acolytes: Campbell Gardner

Ushers: Ron Probst, Charles Smith

Altar Guild: Team One - Susan Critz, Amy Hooper, Debbie Lewis, Cece

Johnson, LaRue Powers, Nancy Sprinkle, Jane Thomasson

Christ Church Clergy and Staff:

Bishop of Southwestern Virginia: The Right Reverend Mark A. Bourlakas

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Vestry for 2018

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