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We are a community of faith striving to love God fully and our neighbors as ourselves.

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

10:30 A.M. Morning Prayer, Rite II

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Opening Voluntary *Bunessan* David Schack

Processional Hymn *"Morning has broken"* Hymn 8

Officiant:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People together: BCP 79

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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

Invitatory and Psalter *All stand* BCP 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.*

Officiant

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

Hymnal S 35

Psalm 49:1-11 *Audite haec, omnes* ***Spoken together***

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;
 hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
 you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
 and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
 and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
 when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
 and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
 or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
 that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
 and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;
 like the dull and stupid they perish *
 and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
 their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
 though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
 they are like the beasts that perish.

ALL: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
As I was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Reader A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes (1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23)

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it.

This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Reader Here ends the Lesson.

The First Song of Isaiah *"Surely it is God who saves me"*
Isaiah 12:2-6

Hymnal 679

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Colossians (3:1-11)

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Song of Simeon *"Lord God, you now have set your servant free"*
Luke 2:29-32

Hymn 499

Officiant: A reading from the Gospel to Luke (12:13-21)

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of

the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.
He will come again to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Officiant and People

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name.
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those

who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Suffrage A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with
righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
*R. For only in you can we live in
safety.*
V. Lord, keep this nation under your
care;
*R. And guide us in the way of justice
and truth.*

V. Let your way be known upon
earth;
*R. Your saving health among all
nations.*
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be
forgotten;
*R. Not the hope of the poor be taken
away.*
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant I invite your prayers for *Sue, Julia, Betsy, Jennifer, Carleigh, Virginia, Donald, Al, Mallory, Harold, and Doug*, and for all those in any need, sickness, or other adversity. *The people may offer their free intercessions, aloud or in the silence of their hearts.*

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you
humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-
kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation,
preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable
love
in the redemption of the world by our
Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope

of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an
awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may
show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our
days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages.
Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Recessional Hymn

"Holy, holy, holy!"

Hymn 362

Dismissal

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 Corinthians 13:14

The Closing Voluntary

"Nicaea"

arr. Gordon Young

Please inform the Church office at office@christchurchmvl.org or call 276-632-2896 if anyone needs to be added or removed from the prayer list.

We Give Thanks for the Altar Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Linda Wall Isley
From her former students who love and miss her

Pray today for the people of Good Shepherd, Blue Grass. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

Discretionary Fund – Today is the 1st Sunday of the month and the loose offering is designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. All checks should include the notation, "For RDF".

Vacation

Fr. John is on vacation this week; there will be no Sunday Bible Study on August 3, no Monday Bible Study on August 4, and no Wednesday Eucharist on August 6.

Raffle Tickets ARE HERE!

Tickets for the 50/50 raffle are on sale from your Vestry members (which will receive them shortly) (Bob Bushnell, Natalie Coleman, Rives Coleman, Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser, LaRue Powers, Pat Russell, Bob Weatherall, and Will Zimmer) and the church office (which we have them NOW). The cost is \$10.00 per ticket or \$100.00 per book, with the maximum winnings of \$2,500.

Altar Guild Open Date

We have **November 30 (the First Sunday of Advent)** open date for altar flowers if anyone wants to do a memorial in loving memory of... or in thanksgiving for... someone. It is available on a first come, first served basis. Please note that funerals, weddings, and baptisms take precedence over scheduled memorials. Let the Church office know if you're interested in this date. **Let us know if you want to change the previous Narthex to this Altar flower date.**

Altar Guild Needs Vases and #10 Metal Cans

The Altar Guild needs large glass vases and #10 metal cans. If you have any to donate, please bring them to the Church office during business hours (M-TH 9:00 am-5:00 pm or F 9:00 am-3:00 pm) OR to the Church on Sunday, put them in front of the Sacristy door, or give them to an Altar Guild member.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for **July – September : Potato Products (mashed, scalloped)**. **For August:** bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), and hygiene items. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

Sunday Bible Study

Our Sunday morning Bible study is on hiatus beginning June 22; we will resume with Paul's First Letter to the Church in Corinth on **September 7** (the week after Labor Day).

Monday Bible Study

The Monday night Bible will be on hiatus until **September 8** (the week after Labor Day).

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Officiant: Hank Long

Reader: Pete Scouras

Ushers: Jay Dickens, Kyle Trent

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Bob Weatherall, Rives Coleman

Nursery: Caroline Davis

Altar Guild Team #5 – Lloyd Barber, Debbie Lewis, Jill Dickens, Amy Joyce,
Pat Russell, Vicki Crosby

2025 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Natalie Coleman; Secretary, Pat Russell. Will Zimmer

Year 2: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers,
Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

Year 1: Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser