



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, 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 “Ciacona in F Minor” Johann Pachelbel

Processional Hymn “O holy city, seen of John” Hymn 583

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

The Celebrant says

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 *Glory to God* 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:

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.***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Reader A reading from the Book of Amos (6:1a,4-7)

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 146 *Lauda, anima mea*

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord,/ O my /soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God /while I have my /being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any /child of /earth, *
for there /is no help in /them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they re/turn to /earth, *
and in /that day their thoughts /perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob/ for their /help! *
whose hope is /in the Lord their /God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all/ that is /in them; *
who keeps /his promise for /ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who /are op/pressed, *
and /food to those who /hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes/ of the /blind; *
the Lord lifts up those /who are bowed /down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares /for the /stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frus/trates the way of the /wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall /reign for /ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations./
Halle/lu/jah!



Reader A reading from Paul's First Letter to Timothy (6:6-19)

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you

were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God*

Sequence Hymn *"As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyard"* Hymn 705

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (16:19-31)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

The Sermon

The Rev. John Adams

The Nicene Creed *standing*

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 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 VI

Standing or kneeling

BCP 392

<i>Reader</i>	In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. <i>(Pause)</i> For all people in their daily life and work;
<i>People</i>	<i>For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	For this community, the nation, and the world;
<i>People</i>	For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
<i>Reader</i>	For the just and proper use of your creation;
<i>People</i>	For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
<i>Reader</i>	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
<i>People</i>	For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
<i>Reader</i>	For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
<i>People</i>	For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
<i>Reader</i>	For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
<i>People</i>	For all who serve God in his Church.
<i>Reader</i>	For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially <i>Sue, Julia, Betsy, Jennifer, Mallory, Harold, Doug, Jim, Will, Kim, Leon, and Randy, (Pause for intercessions)</i> Hear us, Lord;
<i>People</i>	For your mercy is great.
<i>Reader</i>	We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. <i>(Pause for thanksgivings)</i>
<i>People</i>	We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever.
<i>Reader</i>	We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. <i>(Pause for intercessions)</i> Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
<i>People</i>	Who put their trust in you.
<i>Reader</i>	We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Reader and People, kneeling or standing

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem

With Flame of Might

Carl Schalk

A Carol for St. Michael and All Angels (Sept. 29)

1. "With flame of might St. Michael goes God's holy war to wage,
And we who follow seize the sword with martyr, saint, and sage!

Refrain: Alleluia, Angels and men and the risen saints praise thy glorious name.
Alleluia!

2. On battleground terrestrial we march with spirits light,
Surrounded by a guardian host arrayed in heavenly white. **Refrain.**

3. Around thy throne celestial the living, dying, dead, are gathered in
the blessed throng with Christ, our Heart, our Head! **Refrain.**

The Doxology:

v. 3, Hymn 380

All: Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer B

Standing

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up our 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.

Celebrant It is right... to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

Celebrant

Standing or kneeling

We give thanks to you... do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 138

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Fraction Anthem (*sung in unison*)

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant 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.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant

Your promise gives me life

Psalm 119

Communion Hymn

Passacaglia

Christian Friedrich Witt

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

Kneeling or standing

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

"Ye holy angels bright"

Hymn 625

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

Toccata in C

Johann Pachelbel

The Church office is closed on Monday, Sept. 29, due to Deborah's vacation.

We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Altar Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Charles W. Trent, III and Patty Ann Trent
By the Family

We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Narthex Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
David Cole on his birthday
By Betsy Cole and Family

Pray today for the people of St. Mark's, Fincastle and their rector, the Rev. Willis Logan. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Toby Howarth.

Raffle Tickets ARE ON SALE NOW!

Tickets for the 50/50 raffle are on sale from your Vestry members (Rives Coleman, Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet, Michael Hodges, LaRue Powers, Pat Russell, Will Zimmer, and Page Beeler) 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.

The Dan Prince and Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast – Reserve Your Place Now
Mark your calendar, invite friends, and make reservations for **Friday, November 7th** for the Dan Prince and Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast at Christ Episcopal Church! The fun begins at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 per person for this all-inclusive event. Make your reservation by clicking on the Oyster Roast button on the website's home page or calling the church office at 276-632-2896. Take advantage of the convenient credit or PayPal options (small fee applies). Check or cash may also be dropped off or mailed to the CEC office (311 E. Church St., Martinsville, VA 24112).

Please sign up as soon as possible so the correct amounts of food can be purchased and prepared well in advance of the event. **The deadline for reservations and payments is Monday, October 27th. No money will be accepted at the door.**

For any questions, contact Page Beeler via email at pagebeeler@comcast.net or 276-732-4000.

Monday Bible Study

Our Monday evening study meets in the Parish House from 7:00 to 8:00. On **September 29**, we will begin the Book of Esther, a curious story starring one of the Bible's great heroines. All are welcome and encouraged to join at any time; no reading ahead of time is necessary.

Wednesday Eucharist

On Wednesdays, we celebrate Holy Eucharist at Noon in the Chapel (enter via the glass Undercroft door at the back of the church building). These brief (thirty minutes) spoken services commemorate the saint of the day from the Episcopal calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, and are perfect for those who want to attend a service but are unable to come Sunday mornings or who want an additional gathering for corporate prayer during the week. Barring the unexpected, we will meet every Wednesday in October.

Kings Grant Eucharist

Fr. John celebrates Eucharist in the chapel at Kings Grant at 1:30 pm on the first Thursday of each month. The next services will be **October 2 (Covid permitting)** and November 6.

Oktoberfest – October 4

Christ Church will have **booth # 146** at Uptown Oktoberfest on the 4th, at which Fr. John will be offering pet blessings, and we will be distributing balloons and bookmarks. **If you are willing and available to join us for an hour or more between 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, please let Fr. John or Rives Coleman know. Set up is between 8:00 am and 10:15 am if you'd rather help with that.** The booth is located on Lester Street in front of the former Hometown Bank.

Blessing of the Animals – October 5

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, you are invited to bring your dogs, cats, and any other animals for a Blessing of the Animals on **October 5 at 3:00 pm**. In this short service, we thank God for the whole of creation and ask God's blessing on these animals we particularly love as part of our families. We will meet in the Gathering Place (the benches between the Parish House parking and Letcher Ct behind the church); in the event of rain, blessings will be offered in the Undercroft.

Church History Class

Our monthly Church History class will continue studying the Reformation on **October 8** at 10:30 in the Undercroft. This month, we will finish our look at Queen Mary, start the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and consider the Catholic response to the Reformation (especially the Council of Trent). All are welcome to join at any time, and no homework is required.

Food Lion Grocery Cards for Sale

Trippi Penn and the Church office have Food Lion grocery cards for sale in \$100 and \$200 increments. Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming up. These cards make wonderful gifts. We also have sleeves for the cards if you want to give them as a gift.

A Collect for the Election of Our Bishop

Creator God, whose Church lives beyond the walls of buildings and the boundaries of cities, we ask that you guide our work as the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia moves together through a transition of leadership. We pray for patience in dialogue and wisdom in discernment, that the richness of our diverse voices, from farmland to small town, mountain to downtown, will be valued and heard. We pray for the person who will be elected as our next Bishop, for all those who are in discernment, and for the people of this diocese, so that the work of spreading God's love in southwestern Virginia and beyond will grow and flourish in the years to come. In the name of your incarnate son we pray. Amen.

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.**

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for September: Potato Products (mashed, scalloped). For September: dish detergent, deodorant, laundry detergent, 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.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Hank Long

Chalists: Natalie Coleman, Tom Webster

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Trippi Penn, Pete Scouras

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Butch Hamlet, Natalie Coleman

Nursery: Caroline Davis

Altar Guild Team #1 - Beth Sibbick, Stuart Webster, LaRue Powers, Jane Thomasson, Beth Cahill, Dan Cahill, Bill Sibbick

2025 Christ Church Vestry

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

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