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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026
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 Prelude on "Slane" Gordon Young

Processional Hymn "As Jacob with travel was weary" Hymn 453

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.

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.*

Reader A reading from the Book of 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.

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

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23 Domine, probasti

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out /and known /me; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern /my thoughts from a/far.
- 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 alto/gether.
- 4 You press upon me behind /and be/fore *
 and /lay your hand u/pon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonder/ful for /me; *
 it is so high that I can/not 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 al/so.
- 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 a/round 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 a/like.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and/ know my /heart; *
try me and /know my restless /thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wicked/ness in /me *
and lead me in the way/ that is ever/lasting.

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome (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.

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

Sequence Hymn *"Lord of all hopefulness"* **Hymn 482**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (13:24-30,36-43)

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.

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

The Rev. John Adams

- What do you feel about the character of Jacob?
- Who do you identify as weeds growing around your wheat?

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.

BCP 389

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, our President, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For *Sue, Julia, Mallory, Ginger C., Jay J., David C., Ashley F., Michael, Jim A, Tracy, Paige F., Ruby, and Valerie B.*, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

All may offer their prayers and thanksgivings at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin *Kneeling or standing* BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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 *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

O Rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

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 A

Standing

BCP 361

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.

Celebrant

BCP 361-362

It is right... 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.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Kneeling or standing

BCP 362-363

Holy and gracious Father: ... do this in remembrance of me. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 132

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

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.

Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

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

They abide in me, and I in them

John 6, Psalm 119

Communion Hymn

"Lord, thou hast searched me"

Hymn 702

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling

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.

The celebrant blesses the people.

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Michael Wise

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Mary and John Bevan
By Jane Bevan Martin*

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to Grace Memorial, Lynchburg. Pray for the people of Grace Memorial, Lynchburg. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Toby Howarth.

Summer Sunday Lemonade – TODAY'S Lemonade is in the Undercroft

Continuing a summer tradition, we will have fellowship time with lemonade and cookies on the patio (or in the undercroft if it's raining) **after the 10:30 service, July 19 through August 30**; if you are willing to help bring beverages and treats or set up and clean up, please sign at Christ Episcopal Church - Martinsville, Virginia for your Sunday.

Nursery – Caroline is on vacation on Sunday, July 26. Volunteer Needed.

Summer Gathering with Bishop Karin

The Roanoke Convocation (which includes us) is gathering on **July 25** at St. Peter's Church and Phoebe Needles Center (Rock Ridge and Turners Creek Roads in Callaway). Following worship in the church at 10:30, Bishop Karin will lead us in conversation during and after lunch, concluding around 1:30. Weather permitting, the pool and walking trails will be open until 4:00, so that anyone, including children, may stay and enjoy the amenities. All members of Christ Church are invited to attend.

Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for **July – September: Boxed Dinners (Hamburger Helper)**. For **July: toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant, and hygiene items**. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

Third Sunday Supper and Evening Prayer

Join us on **Sunday, August 16 at 5:30 pm** at a new opportunity for fellowship and worship! We will begin with Evening Prayer in the Chapel (accessed through the glass doors at the back of the church building) before adjourning to the Undercroft for supper. Chicken casserole will be provided as a main dish, along with drinks. *You are invited to contribute a side, salad, or dessert to the potluck, but are also welcome to bring just yourself.* We hope that, in addition to giving us another occasion to socialize, this service will allow members who can rarely attend on Sunday mornings or Wednesdays at Noon to join us for worship, and give us a chance to invite our friends and neighbors to a low-pressure service and meal.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Ann Gardner

Chalists: Bob Bushnell, Jay Dickens

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: John Swezey, Michael Hodges

Camera Operator: Linda O'Dell

Counters: Michael Hodges, Jay Dickens

Altar Guild Team #1 – Beth Sibbick, LaRue Powers, Jane Thomasson, Beth Cahill,
Dan Cahill, Bill Sibbick, Pete Budde

Nursery Attendant: Caroline Davis

2026 Christ Church Vestry

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Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

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