

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

WELCOME TO OUR HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE
HYMNALS AND THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER ARE LOCATED IN THE PEWS.
YOU ARE INVITED TO SAY ALOUD THE ITEMS PRINTED IN BOLDFACE.

-Voluntary	Toccata Quinta – Girolamo Frescobaldi
-Opening Hymn	H-427
-The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity	BCP 355
- Song of Praise	S-236
-The Collect of the Day	See Insert
-The First Reading	Proverbs 9:1-6 - See Insert
-The Psalm	(Spoken) Psalm 34:9-14 – See Insert
-The Second Reading	Ephesians 5:15-20 – See Insert
-Sequence Hymn	H-488
-The Gospel	John 6:51-58 -See Insert
-The Homily	The Rev. Jerry Lasley
-The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
-The Prayers of the People	

The People stand as they are able during the prayers. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: One God who creates, redeems and sustain us: you brought us into being, and we cannot exist without you. Give us the strength we need for today. **People: And the hope we need for tomorrow.**

Leader: We pray for Christ's body, your church, and for those who lead and for those who follow. Grant that we not grieve your Holy Spirit with our words or actions. Remind us that we are members of one another. Teach us to be imitators of you. Give us the strength we need for today. **People: And the hope we need for tomorrow.**

Leader: We pray for those in authority across the globe. Infuse them with wisdom and speak peace into their hearts. Expand your vision for the world to every corner of the earth, to every part of your creation. Give us the strength we need for today. **People: And the hope we need for tomorrow.**

Leader: We pray for those who carry burdens of illness, pain, anxiety, or grief. May they draw strength from your presence and comfort from those around who care for them. We especially pray Crystal, Amy Jo, Rae, Annie, Bob, Bob, Cindy, Peggy, Howard, Marianne, Janell, Ed, Ron, William, Ed, Ruth, Cherie, Sam, Erin, Bill, Tom, Joan, John, Jane, Linda, Joan, Kylie, Joanne, Jane, Hank, Cornelius, Nick, Pete, Terri, Ken, Family of Dorothy and Family of Dave. Give us the strength we need for today. **People: And the hope we need for tomorrow.**

Leader: We pray for those who have died, who are now surrounded by your glory and the songs of angels. Comfort those who mourn with your promise of hope and the resurrected life. Give us the strength we need for today. **People: And the hope we need for tomorrow.**

-The Confession & Absolution	BCP 360
-The Peace	BCP 360

The Offering Plates will be passed at this time.

-Offertory	Thank You, Lord (Moe Bandy); Bill Hartley, soloist
-Doxology	H -380, Verse 3

-The Holy Eucharist	Prayer B- BCP 367
- Sanctus	S-125
-The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
-The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364
-Fraction Anthem	S-155
-Communion Voluntary	Toccata for the Elevation – Girolamo Frescobaldi
-Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 366
-The Blessing	
-Closing Hymn	H-665
-The Dismissal	
-Voluntary	Psalm 19 – Benedetto Marcello

THIS WEEK:

Flowers

The flowers that decorate our church this morning were given in memory of Ronal D. Brewer, on the occasion of what would have been their 54th Wedding Anniversary by Jane Brewer.

Important Information

Please note that there will be no Bible Study nor Adult Formation on August 22nd, August 25th, August 29th, September 1st, September 5th or September 8th. There also will be no Sunday Services on Sunday, August 25th due to the Ally Challenge.

Giving Statements

We have printed your midyear giving statements so that you can be aware of what the status of your pledge is. They are located in the narthex, please take a moment to pick yours up. This will help us save funds on postage. Please know that we appreciate your help keeping St. Christopher's alive and well. God bless you and yours. -Jane Brewer and Dale Rice, Co-Treasurers

Altar Flowers

Please note that the new price for the Altar Flower donation is \$70. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Front Door

Please note that if you have a key to the church and you enter through the front door, please make sure that when you leave that the top knob is locked and does not turn. Thank you.

The Chosen

One of the many purposes of the series "The Chosen" is to have created characters with a depth of life, so that we can read the scriptures and understand why biblical characters behave the way they do. "The Chosen" is not a biblical story as it is revealed in the scriptures, but it is a story that contains the scriptures and provides us with the very real possibility of how things might have taken place during the life of Jesus. Acceptance for what it is can strengthen and encourage us in our faith. If you demand it to be a literal interpretation of the scriptures, you will be discouraged. "The Chosen" is a wonderful way to capture the heart, the emotions and the essence of the characters. It does a great job of promoting racial harmony and equality among us the body of Christ than any movie or work that I have seen to date.

Come join us beginning September 19, at 10:00 a.m. to watch episode one of Season 4 followed by discussion and homemade soups afterwards.

Financial Statement

The latest Vestry Meeting Minutes and a Financial Statement are located on the kiosk in the narthex for review.

Collection

We are collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, individual hand sanitizer and protein bars for those in need. We have a basket in the narthex for items that you bring in. Thank you.

From the Rector...

Near the end of September, Father Jerry will be offering a class for newcomers and current attendees of St. Christopher's that are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church. More information will be coming soon.

Adult Formation

Adult Formation resumes today from 9:15 a.m. – 10 a.m. We hope that you will join us!

Bulletins

Please note that the bulletins are printed on Thursday mornings. For inclusion in the weekly bulletin, please have all items to Angela in the church office no later than Wednesday by noon. Thank you.

Healing and Eucharist Service

The next Healing and Eucharist Service will be held **Friday, September 13, 2024 at Noon**. Please join us.

Men's Group: The next men's breakfast will be held on September 14, 2024 at 9 am at the Hill Road Grille, 2160 W. Hill Road, Flint, Michigan. Please sign up at the kiosk.

Ladies' Luncheon: The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 11th at 11:45 am at Taboon Grand Blanc, 8235 Trillium Circle Avenue, Grand Blanc. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Thank you.

Bi-diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

August 18th

St. Andrew's, Gaylord – Pam Lenartowicz, Priest-in-Charge

St. Paul's, Elk Rapids – Derek Quinn, Priest-in-Charge

Next Week

August 25th

The Coppage Gordon School for Ministry

St. Luke's, Kalamazoo – Randall Warren, Rector

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday, 18 August 2024: 12th Sunday after Trinity -The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Monday 19 August 2024: The Diocese of Ifo – The Church of Nigeria

Tuesday 20 August 2024: The Diocese of Igbomina – The Church of Nigeria

Wednesday 21 August 2024: The Diocese of Igbomina West – The Church of Nigeria

Thursday 22 August 2024: The Diocese of Ihiala – The Church of Nigeria

Friday 23 August 2024: The Diocese of Ijebu – The Church of Nigeria

Saturday 24 August 2024: The Diocese of Ijebu – The Church of Nigeria

Serving Today

LEM/Lector: Nancy Wells (LEM)/Susan Armstrong (8 am)

Bob Luckey (10:15 am)

Serving Next Week (August 25th)

No Services/Ally Challenge

Ushers/Greeters: Dave & Melissa Butler (8 am)

Paul & Jerri Bassett (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Mary Van Duyne

Birthdays

Jerri Bassett	August 2
Daphne Prescott	August 17
Scott Johnson	August 24
Steve Huber	August 28
David Huber	August 28

Current Financial Standing

June 2024 Income \$ 119,591.85

June 2024 Expenses \$25,210.74

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH LEADERSHIP
THE REVEREND JERRY LASLEY, RECTOR
THE REVEREND DR. MICHAEL CARR, PRIEST IN RESIDENCE
THE REVEREND DR. DONALD F. DAVIDSON, PRIEST IN RESIDENCE
NADA RADAKOVICH, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC | ANGELA ZINSLI, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
JEFFREY WALKER, ORGANIST | JOEL STOEKLIN, SEXTON

VESTRY 2024
ELLEN SAFLEY, SENIOR WARDEN | BILL HARTLEY & ROD BYTWERK, JUNIOR WARDENS
LINDA RATHBURN, CLERK | DALE RICE & JANE BREWER, TREASURERS
LINDA RATHBURN (2026) | MYRTLE DUCK (2027)
JANICE CONVIS (2027) | BILL HARTLEY (2026)
DAVE MILLER (2027) | JANE BREWER (2026)
ELLEN SAFLEY (2025) | COLLEEN SHRANK (2025) | ROD BYTWERK (2025)

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