

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 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	Maestoso and Allegretto – Hermann Schroeder
-Opening Hymn	H-372
-The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity	BCP 355
- Song of Praise	S-236
-The Collect of the Day	See Insert
-The First Reading	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 - See Insert
-The Psalm	(Spoken) Psalm 15 – See Insert
-The Second Reading	James 1:17-27 – See Insert
-Sequence Hymn	H-660
-The Gospel	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 -See Insert
-The Homily	The Rev. Donald Davidson
-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: Let us pray for the Church and the world, saying “Lord, hear our prayer.” We thank you, O God, for your love for us and for your presence with us always. May your light shine through us and bring your love to all people.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the nations of the world torn apart by strife. Help us know how to be channels of peace in your kingdom on earth. **People: Lord, hear your prayer.**

Leader: Lead us to be doers of your Word and not hearers only, that we may do your will, in large and small ways, especially within our own communities. **People: Lord, hear your prayer.**

Leader: We give thanks for the gift of labor and pray for full and just employment for all. Give us compassionate hearts and a willingness to stand with those who suffer or are in any trouble. 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, Kylie, Joanne, Jane, Hank, Cornelius, Nick, Pete, Terri, Ken, Sue, Frank, Karen, Carrie, Jane, Rocky and Family of Joan. **People: Lord, hear your prayer.**

Leader: Have mercy on those who are no longer with us. Grant that, following the example of all your saints, we may truly believe and share our relationship with you with others. **People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all those who follow Christ. We pray for our Presiding Bishop, for our own bishops and our parish clergy, for all the holy people of God. Make us humble and obedient servants like your Son Jesus Christ.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

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

The Offering Plates will be passed at this time.

-Offertory	Andantino – Hermann Schroeder
-Doxology	H -380, Verse 3

Gluten Free Wafers available

-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	Andante Sostenuto – Hermann Schroeder
-Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 366
-The Blessing	
-Closing Hymn	H-541
-The Dismissal	
-Voluntary	Poco Vivace – Hermann Schroeder

THIS WEEK:

Flowers

The flowers that decorate our church this morning were given to the glory to God and all members of St. Christopher's from Jane Brewer.

Important Information

Please note that there will be no Bible Study nor Adult Formation on September 1st (today), September 5th or September 8th.

School Supply Collection

We are collecting school supplies for local children. Please consider donating some school supplies (paper, folders, pencils, Kleenex, Lysol Wipes, etc) Donated school supplies can be brought to the Church Office. Thank you!

Offering

Please be aware that Father Jerry's Discretionary account is becoming low. This account is for Father Jerry to use as he sees fit for needy individuals. The first Sunday of the month is our Priest's Sunday which means that all the cash and loose change in the offering goes to the Discretionary Account for this purpose.

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.

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:

September 1st

For all deacons in the dioceses, Linda Crane and Beth Drew, Archdeacons
Building Bridges Committee Members
St. Martin of Tours, Kalamazoo – Mary Perrin, Rector

Next Week

September 8th

St. Francis of Assisi, Shelbyville – Steve Shoemaker, Sr. Warden
All non-parochial clergy and Lutheran pastors servicing in our congregations

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday, 1 September 2024: 14th Sunday after Trinity Season of Creation – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Monday 2 September 2024: The Diocese of Ikeduru – The Church of Nigereia

Tuesday 3 September 2024: The Diocese of Ikwerre – The Church of Nigeria

Wednesday 4 September 2024: The Diocese of Ikwo – The Church of Nigeria

Thursday 5 September 2024: The Diocese of Ikwuano – The Church of Nigeria

Friday 6 September 2024: The Diocese of Ilaje – The Church of Nigeria

Saturday 7 September 2024: The Diocese of Ile- Oluji – The Church of Nigeria

Serving Today

LEM/Lector: Nancy Wells (LEM) (8 am)
Flo Gjerstad (10:15 am)

Ushers/Greeters: Dale & Sharon Rice (8 am)
Jan Taylor & Bill Hartley (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Anne Naber

Serving Next Week (September 8th)

Debbie Moses (LEM)/Susan Armstrong (8 am)
Linda Rathburn (10:15 am)

Dave & Melissa Butler (8 am)
Louise Desgranges & Becky Stermer (10:15 am)

Cindy Donner

Birthdays

Dolores Higgerson	9/5
Frank Burger	9/6
Mike Latesky	9/7
Barbara Soloski	9/11
Ken Duck	9/14
Marcie Davidson	9/18
Susan Carter	9/28

Current Financial Standing

July 2024 Income \$ 37,843.96

July 2024 Expenses \$ 28,233.90

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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