

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 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	Voluntary No. 6 – John Stanley
-Opening Hymn	H-410
-The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity	BCP 355
- Song of Praise	S-280
-The Collect of the Day	See Insert
-The First Reading	Isaiah 35:4-7a - See Insert
-The Psalm	(Spoken) Psalm 146 – See Insert
-The Second Reading	James 2:1-17 – See Insert
-Sequence Hymn	H-567
-The Gospel	Mark 7:24-37-See Insert
-The Homily	The Rev. Dr. Michael Carr
-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: Gracious and loving God, you have called your Church to follow the royal law to love our neighbors as ourselves: Empower our witness of reconciliation that we may speak gracefully to those whose ears cannot yet hear the Good News of God's love and may serve generously those whose mouths cannot yet proclaim your grace. You care for near and far alike; **People: liberate your children from their oppression.**

Leader: You guide the leaders of the nations to show mercy and to eschew partiality: Free from their bondage those whose lot is only the leftovers and crumbs and empower those who struggle to live on what falls from their masters' tables. You care for near and far alike; **People: liberate your children from their oppression.**

Leader: You embrace with your compassion, O God, those whom some call dogs and others who are poor or dishonored: Heal and comfort all who are in weakness or in need throughout the world. You care for near and far alike; **People: liberate your children from their oppression.**

Leader: You have chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom: Reconcile our community that we may be people of radical hospitality, welcoming native and foreigner, rich and poor, without distinction or partiality. You care for near and far alike; **People: liberate your children from their oppression.**

Leader: You withhold your healing presence from no one: Honor our prayers for all who are in need, We especially pray for 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, Karsen, Family of Joan and Family of Marilyn. You call us to share in your work of reconciliation and freedom. We thank you for the outreach, education, service, and fellowship. Hear our joy as we give you thanks. You care for near and far alike; **People: liberate your children from their oppression.**

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

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

The Offering Plates will be passed at this time.

Please stand for the last verse of the anthem (Old Hundredth) and sing the words and melody we normally sing for our Doxology. Nada will turn around and indicate when the congregation should rise and sing.

-Offertory Anthem

Old Hundredth – Ralph Vaughan Williams

-Doxology

H -380, Verse 3

Gluten Free Wafers available

-The Holy Eucharist

Prayer B- BCP 367

- Sanctus

S-129

-The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

-The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

-Fraction Anthem (Spoken)

-Communion Hymn

LEVAS 74

-Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 366

-The Blessing

-Closing Hymn

H-371

-The Dismissal

-Voluntary

Old Hundredth – Henry Purcell

THIS WEEK:

Flowers

The flowers that decorate our church this morning were given in loving memory of Opal, John and Lois from Jerry Lasley.

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.

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:

September 8th

St. Francis of Assisi, Shelbyville – Steve Shoemaker, Sr. Warden

All non-parochial clergy and Lutheran pastors servicing in our congregations

Next Week

September 15th

St. Paul's, Corunna – Carol Amsterburg, Sr. Warden

St. Paul's, Muskegon – Eileen Stoffan, Rector

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday, 8 September 2024: 15th Sunday after Trinity – Season of Creation – The Church of the Province of Myanmar

Monday 9 September 2024: The Diocese of Ilesa – The Church of Nigeria

Tuesday 10 September 2024: The Diocese of Ilesa South West- The Church of Nigeria

Wednesday 11 September 2024: The Diocese of North East India – The Church of North India

Thursday 12 September 2024: The Diocese of Northern Indiana – The Episcopal Church

Friday 13 September 2024: The Diocese of Indianapolis – The Episcopal Church

Saturday 14 September 2024: The Diocese of Inhambane – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Serving Today

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

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

Altar Guild: Cindy Donner

Serving Next Week (September 15th)

Dave Butler (LEM)/Debbie Moses (8 am)
Bob Luckey/Steve Huber (L)

Neuman & Jan Convis (8 am)
Paul & Jerri Bassett

Sharon Rice

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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