

# Christ Episcopal Church

*A Parish of the Anglican Communion*

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**Empowered by Jesus to love, serve, and lead.**  
*(Christ Church's Mission Statement)*



**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Ascension Sunday**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite I**

**Welcome!** Whether you are visiting for the first time or are a lifelong member, we are glad you are here. Whatever your religious background and wherever you are on your faith journey, we hope you encounter the Sacred here.

You'll notice that in our worship services not all people participate in exactly the same ways. Part of what makes The Episcopal Church special is that people with diverse beliefs and practices worship together here. We invite you to participate in the service as you feel comfortable. You are free to sit, stand or kneel; cry and laugh; doubt and question; hold hands with your partner; sit silently; or sing off key. Children are a blessing, not a bother, so don't be worried if they wiggle.

Most of the material you need is in this bulletin; as well as *The Hymnal 1982*, the songbook *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LEVAS) and the *Book of Common Prayer* (has a cross on the front). There are Bibles in the pews in various translations, feel free to leaf through, or even take one, if you'd like.

The Holy Eucharist is Christ's eternal banquet. In the Episcopal Church it is our tradition to welcome everyone to receive communion. This is God's table, not our table; and God welcomes everyone to share in the Body of Christ.

Following the service, please join us for refreshments in St. Joseph's Hall. There are often presentations of varied topics of interest in the Adult Forum.

If you have questions about our church, please speak with a clergy person, one of the ushers, or a greeter after the service or contact the church office, 610-566-7525 or [rita@christchurchmedia.org](mailto:rita@christchurchmedia.org). To join our emailing list, please fill out the tan visitor card in your pew and give it to an usher or put it in the collection plate.

God loves and accepts you, just as you are, and we do too. **Welcome!**

**The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez - Bishop**

**The Rev. Fr. Ernest Galaz – Rector**

**The Rev. Dcn. Joseph German - Deacon**

**Mr. Kurt Brunner – Senior Warden**

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter, Ascension Sunday

**Celebrant: The Rev. Ernest Galaz, Rector**

**Deacon: The Rev. Joseph German**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### *The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Summary of Law**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### **Gloria**

**Glorify be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us. For thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray... O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen**

## The First Lesson

*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## The Epistle

*1 John 5:9-13*

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony:

God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel**

Priest            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John 17:6-19

**People            Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Priest            The Gospel of Our Lord.

**People            Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Ernie Galaz**

## **The Nicene Creed**

**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 (truly human).

**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**

Today we thank God that the Christ who ascended is with us, visible in the lives of the people.

Let us pray for all these people, and for the life about us, saying: O God, holding the world with love, have mercy on us.

Leader: O God, in the resurrection and ascension of your Son, you have drawn us nearer to yourself. Together with your Son may we be together also with all the people of the world.

O God, holding the world with love.

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Circle all our nation, towns, villages, tribes and countryside's with your love. Encircle all people with your great arms. Encircle all lands with your Son's marks of mercy. O God, holding the world with love.

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Transform your church with love. Transform people and communities, groups and governments. Cast out fear with love. Turn us over and around by the Spirit of your Son. O God, holding the world with love.

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Center all the scattered, and call them together with your love. Hold us together, or we will be lost. Awake us, or we will fall asleep in dangerous places. For the lost and helpless, we pray. O God, holding the world with love.

**People: Have mercy on us**

Leader: Fill all the places of the world with your great love. Give us the joy of the spirit of Jesus. Make us glad in this sad world. O God, holding the world with love.

**People: Have mercy on us.**

*The people add their petitions and thanksgiving aloud or silently.*

### **The Celebrant concludes with a Collect**

O God of mercy, we have your promise that we are loved. Hear our prayers for all the world, hungering for your love, the love of your Son without end.

**People Amen.**

### **The Peace (All Stand)**

Celebrant        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People            And with thy spirit.**

### **Greetings and Announcements**

#### **A Litany for Mothers**

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers.

We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from you, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth. We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood.

Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

O Lord of grace and love we ask your richest blessing on all mothers:  
Loving God, we thank you that Jesus enjoyed a mother's love and grew up within a family.  
**Thanks be to God.**

We thank you for the homes where we were born and for the care and affection of our mothers.  
**Thanks be to God.**

We thank you if we are still privileged to enjoy the warmth and security of family life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

We pray for all mothers today:  
For expectant mothers, especially those awaiting the birth of their first child:  
**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For women who think about becoming mothers and those who desperately want to be mothers:  
**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those who have young children and who get tired and harassed with so much to do:  
**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those dealing with the turmoil of raising adolescent children:  
**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those with adult children who discover that a mother's task is never done:  
**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For moms experiencing changes they could not predict:  
**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those who, like the Virgin Mary, have suffered the agony of the loss of a child:  
**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those with difficult homes and spouses who find it hard to be constant and loving:  
**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those who find themselves raising a child alone:  
**We pray to you, O Lord.**



For those who find it hard to make ends meet, or who go short themselves for the sake of their families:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For step-mothers, and the special gifts they bring to their families:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For grandmothers, and the special love they share with their grandchildren and for grandmothers raising their grandchildren:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For mothers who gave up their children to adoption:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those separated from their children:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For adoptive mothers and foster mothers, who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those who find themselves parenting their parents and for those who find themselves stretched between their children and their parents:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those tending empty nests:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those mothers who are trying to make Christ real to their families:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

We pray also for those who wanted to but never had children of their own:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

For those who are grieving the loss of their mother:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

Lastly, we entrust our mothers, living and dead to your eternal care, giving thanks for all the good that we received from our mothers, and forgiving them their shortcomings; this we ask in the name of Jesus, who was lovingly cared for by his mother Mary. **AMEN.**

*Prayer for Birthdays*

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Prayer for Travelers*

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving, (Eucharistic Prayer II)**

Celebrant       The Lord be with you.

**People           And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant       Lift up your hearts

**People           We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant       Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People           It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

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

*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.**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **The Invitation**

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. The Body of Christ for the Body of Christ. Be what you see. Receive what you are.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

#### **Dismissal**

**Celebrant** Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**People** **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

***The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Marylee Bunting  
in loving memory of John & Catherine Bunting.***

***The Altar Wine, Bread, and Candles are given to the Glory of God  
by Carol Smith in loving memory of Charles Smith, Sr.***

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST** – (friends, family and acquaintances of parishioners)

Michael, Teresa, Helen, Mark, Al, Tracy, Lynn, Lee, Diana, Jackie, Bruce, Barbara, Peter, Patrick, Lucille, Bryan, Rosemarie, Rick, Robert, Meredith, Cindy, Willa, Thomas, Joan, Elizabeth, John, Guy, Mike, Bette, Carol, Sherry, Linda, Peggy, Mary, Ed, Taylor, Robin, Joy, Alex, Paul, Judi, Rebecca, Terry, Sandy, Carolyn, Daniella, Rachel, Morgan, Karen, Anthony, Jean, Marco, Abigail, Pat, Barbara, Doug, Debbie, Judith, Taylor, Sandy, Carol, Isabella, Connor, Bruce, Bonnie, Cynthia, Anu, Robert, Mark, Jim, Linda, Greg, Joanne

**WE CELEBRATE THIS WEEK**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Matthew McCarthy, Quinton Singer, Pat Rizzo

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joyce & Don Glackin, Lynn & Greg Vavroch

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I and 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II, the 10am service is live-streamed.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, and SERVICE** Every Wednesday, all are invited to join in a spiritually uplifting morning. **Intercessory Prayer at 10am; Bible Study at 11am** in the Rector's Office. Following Bible Study, the **midday service** is offered in the Chapel. All are welcome!

**NURSERY CARE** Nursery care is available today from 9:30am—12:30pm for infants to 3 years of age in the Acorn Classroom located on the lower level. Ashley Steinhauer and De Anna Hickson, Nursery care givers.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** Church school is held immediately following the 10am Sunday worship service. All children 4 years of age through 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in St. Mary's Hall. Church School ends promptly at 12:15pm.

**ADULT FORUM** Adult Forum immediately follows the 10 AM worship service and is held in St. Joseph's Hall. Upcoming topics:

May 12 – Coffee Hour Social

May 19 – Garden Planting and Vestry Meeting

If you'd like to present a topic at an upcoming Adult Forum, or if you have an idea for a topic, please contact Beth Termini 978-239-3937

**Ladies Spring Tea** – What a wonderful Saturday afternoon!

Thank you to the Planning Committee, everyone who contributed berries, sandwiches and desserts, and to everyone who stepped in to assist with set up and clean up.

We appreciate Fr. Ernie's discretionary fund contribution to help with some of our expenses.

We also appreciated Fr. Ernie's opening prayer.

*O holy one of love and abundance; God of joy and fellowship, You are the ultimate party crasher. Bidden or unbidden you are present here.*

*Your Holy Spirit moves in and amongst and through us to bring forth the abundant joy of your presence.*

*We pray that we may always sense your presence with us in each moment, each breath, each blink of the eye, and in each encounter with each other.*

*May all that we say and do at this gathering be a blessing - the sharing of tea and traditions, of sandwiches and cakes, the amusing stories and memories of those who are no longer with us;*

*yes even in our sorrows and our longings- may all that we say and do at this tea be a reminder and an outpouring of your extravagant love;*

*through the one who would not allow a party to be dampened by lack of wine - your son our savior Jesus Christ. Amen*

To enter the door prize drawing, we asked everyone to share one thing they like about our Christ Church community.

Comments include: fellowship, friendly, love, care and support for each other, generosity, kindness, warm welcome, acceptance, music, Fr Ernie's sermons, Sunday school teachers and family feeling.

We are indeed blessed!

If anyone would like to join the Planning Committee for next year (May 3, 2025) or if you have photos from this year's Tea you would like to share, please email to [bdubywilson@comcast.net](mailto:bdubywilson@comcast.net).

Thank you, Barbara Wilson

**CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB** All are welcomed to come on Tuesday, May 14 at 11am in St. Joseph's Hall to discuss the book, "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano.

**ST JAMES BACKPACK PROJECT** As part of our outreach ministry we will once again partner with St. James School in providing backpacks for their 18 graduating students. Each backpack will have a calculator, homework assignment book, school supplies, books to read, and other items needed for their educational journey and a personally selected item.

The first two items – backpack and calculator – will be a donation of \$170 (for our 170<sup>th</sup> year celebration!!) When you sign up to donate, please note payment by cash or check.

Other items, that is, assignment books, supplies, etc. will be for you to purchase. There will be table in St. Joseph's Hall where you will place your donations and they will be collected each Sunday until May 19<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheets will be available in St. Joseph's Hall. Checks payable to Christ Church memo: *Backpack project*

If you have any questions, please see or email JoAnn Townsend at [joanntownsend@mac.com](mailto:joanntownsend@mac.com)

**CHURCH GARDEN** It's planting season! Join us after the 10am service on **Sunday, May 19th** to plant the two raised beds alongside the rectory. The youth group and Sunday school class will be leading the way so you know it will be fun! If you are interested in helping to plant the garden or to take care of it throughout the season (watering, weeding, harvesting) please email Maggie Dunn at [margaretelizabethdunn@gmail.com](mailto:margaretelizabethdunn@gmail.com).

**CHRIST CHURCH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** The Christ Church Grief Support Group meets every month on the third Saturday at 10 AM. This meeting is offered both in-person at the church and via Zoom. All are welcome, whether your loss is recent or long ago.

**THURSDAY EMPOWERMENT GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7pm. The group has decided to study the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) beginning with our next meeting. This is a great opportunity for both those new to the Episcopal church and for long time members to delve into our shared faith. The BCP includes all of the various rites (Eucharist, Baptism, Marriage, etc.) prayers, as well as historical documents, a catechism of church teachings, and so much more. All are welcome to join us and hopefully have many of your questions answered. If you have any questions about this group, please contact Dan Mistichelli via email [ddmisti@gmail.com](mailto:ddmisti@gmail.com).

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

- **St. James POOL & PACKING PARTY** On **Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** you're invited to the "BARN" (JoAnn Townsend's) 327 W Baltimore Pike, Media for a fun day of crafts, swimming, and outdoor play. We will also be packing backpacks and wrapping presents for graduating students of St. James as part of our outreach ministry. It all begins at 11am, lunch will be provided. \$25 per person donation to St. James Backpack project. Please see sign up posted on the bulletin board.

- **Sunday, June 2 - END OF YEAR CELEBRATION** This fun event takes place immediately after the 10am worship service.
- **Tuesday, July 30 – CHRIST CHURCH NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES**  
Christ Church has purchased 50 tickets for the Phillies vs Yankees game. The game has a 6:40pm start time. Tickets are \$50 each. Please see Bob Miller if interested on purchasing tickets or contact him via email: [Robertmiller42311@gmail.com](mailto:Robertmiller42311@gmail.com)

***A Memorial Service for Pat Haussmann will be held at Christ Church  
on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am.***



## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

### **7 Easter, May 12**

#### **8AM**

Altar – Rob Miller  
OT, Psalm – Geoff Kitson  
PP – Ginny Davis  
NT/CB – Kate Zurick

#### **10AM**

1<sup>st</sup> Server – Alexsa McKeown  
2<sup>nd</sup> Server – Dillen Wible  
Crucifer – Ivy Comerford  
Gospeler – Frank Mathews  
OT – Mary Ann Klassen  
NT – Ann Haslanger  
PP – Ron Mecklin  
CB1 – David Klassen  
CB2 – Jo Trout

#### **Ushers**

8AM – Geoff Kitson, Gregg Smith  
10AM – Jim Mayer, Ron Mecklin

### **The Day of Pentecost, May 19**

#### **8AM**

Altar – Steve Falcone  
OT, Psalm – Sandy McKeown  
PP – Holly Cunningham  
NT/CB – Peter Falcone

#### **10AM**

Thurifer – Frank Mathews  
Boat – Abraham Mathews  
1<sup>st</sup> Server – Caroline Lenderman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Server – Maya Scranton  
Crucifer – Scott Scranton  
Torch 1 – Claire Comerford  
Torch 2 – Bethany Dufner  
Crucifer 2 – Nora Dufner  
Gospeler – Robert Miller  
OT – Callie Scranton  
NT – Nora Dufner  
PP – Scott Scranton  
Paten – Sue Welfley  
CB1 – Alexsa McKeown  
CB2 – Ivy Comerford

#### **Ushers**

8AM – Jim & Sandy McKeown  
10AM – Jim Mayer, Faith Elcock

## Weekly Calendar

### **7 Easter, May 12**

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30am Nursery Care

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30am Church School & Youth Group

### **Monday, May 13**

9am Soccer Shots

### **Tuesday, May 14**

11am Book Club, SJH

### **Wednesday, May 15**

10am Intercessory Prayer

11am Bible Study

12:15pm Midday Service

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

8pm AA Meeting, SJH

### **Thursday, May 16**

10am Finance Meeting, RO

7pm Empowerment Group, SJH

### **Friday, May 17**

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### **Saturday, May 18**

9am Altar Guild

11am Pat Haussmann Memorial Service

### **The Day of Pentecost, May 19**

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30am Nursery Care

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 Church School & Youth

11:30 Vestry Meeting

## ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Rector: The Reverend Ernest Galaz, [frernie@christchurchmedia.org](mailto:frernie@christchurchmedia.org)  
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### Vestry

#### **2025**

Heather Comerford, Preschool  
Karen Mason, Parish Life  
Robert Miller, Liturgical  
Kate Zurick, Secretary & Communications

#### **2026**

Kurt Brunner, Rector's Warden  
Rob Miller, Outreach  
Patti Davis  
Stephanie Untz

#### **2027**

Jo Trout, Hospitality

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I**

**10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II**

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