

Christ Episcopal Church

A Parish of the Anglican Communion

August 17, 2025, 9:00AM

Empowered by Jesus to love, serve, and lead.

(Christ Church's Mission Statement)



10 Pentecost
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. 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

10 Pentecost
Guest Celebrant: The Reverend Bud Holland
Preacher: The Reverend Joseph German
Organist: Mr. Joel Lenderman

Please bring all conversations to an end and use this time for reflection, meditation, preparation and prayer.

Processional Hymn 438 “Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!”

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

People 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 – Lau

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 adore you.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray...Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Epistle

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Gradual Hymn 366 "Holy God we praise thy name"

The Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12:49-56

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Deacon Joe German

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: Rite One

The Deacon or other person appointed says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Leader: Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

People: Gracious Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, Bishop Daniel, Fr Ernie, Deacon Joe that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

People: Gracious Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

People: Gracious Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

People: Gracious Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

People: Gracious Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Ample pause is made for the people to add their intentions.

People: Gracious Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

People: Gracious Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen**

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

The Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace (All Stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Greetings and Announcements

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.**

Congregation is seated for the Offertory Anthem

Offertory Anthem **I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray.** -arr. Hall Johnson

Bob Miller, soloist

Doxology **Hymn 380 (verse 3)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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,

Sanctus - Lau

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, 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.

The Celebrant continues

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem “Whoever Comes to Me” – *Arlen Clarke*

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger,
And who ever believes in me shall never thirst;
Send out your light and your truth
That they may lead me to your holy hill.

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.

Communion Hymns “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” – arr. M. Hogan
383 “Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all Nature”

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

Recessional Hymn 637 “How Firm a Foundation”

Celebrant	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

The Altar Flowers, Wine, Bread, and Candles are given to the Glory of God by Evelyn Carpenter in loving memory of her parents, Harriet & Thomas Carpenter and her husband, Gary Carpenter.

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

Pat, Barbara, Doug, Debbie, Kurt, Connor, Bruce, Bonnie, Cynthia, Robert, Mark, Linda, Greg, Cecelia, Chris, Rose, Tim, Dolores, Jean, Jeannine, Paula, John, Joanne, Bette, Beth, Emily, Wayne, Grace, Tom, Katie, Jerry, Fred, Doris, Jane, Nancy

WE CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: John Donaphon, Hazel Korintus, Sueny Seeney

ANNIVERSARIES: Neva & Matt Kelly

SUNDAY SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE **June 22 through August 31** we will worship together at **one service only at 9:00AM**. We will alternate Rite I and Rite II. We will have music each Sunday, no choir.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, and SERVICE will resume in September.

NURSERY CARE Nursery care is available today from 8:30am—10:30pm for infants to 3 years of age in the Acorn Classroom located on the lower level. De Anna Hickson, Nursery care giver.

SUNDAY SUMMER FELLOWSHIP All are welcome to join for tea, lemonade and fellowship on the front lawn of the church following the Sunday 9AM service. Your help is needed to host times of fellowship and refreshments on the front lawn. A sign up is posted on the bulletin board for you to let us know which Sunday you're available to help.

We thank Susan & Jim Mayer for hosting today's fellowship.

SAFETY AND SECURITY UPGRADES

Our Safety and Security upgrades are progressing very well. The new fire alarm system is in place and new doors with keyless entry have been installed for the office and preschool. The remaining doors will be completed by the end of summer. Thanks to Steve Falcone and all who helped with this crucial project.

CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB The Christ Church Book Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 11am in St. Joseph's Hall. Come join us and discuss literature that you may not have chosen on your own. It is always a learning experience. Upcoming book discussions:

September 9 – **Brain on Fire** by Susan Cahalan

CHRIST CHURCH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will resume in September.

YOUNG FAMILIES CHURCH UPDATES

- **Halloween Costume Ministry:**

A message from Alicia:

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Monday night for our first costume sorting! Our second sorting will be September 14th after the 10 am service. Because our youngest parishioners (including Sunday School and Youth Group) will take part in this outreach, we are also looking for extra grownups to help distribute the workload and keep things on track. We would love to have you! Please reach out to alicia.mccarthy12@gmail.com with any questions.

- **WhatsApp:**

The young families at Christ Church have created a WhatsApp group text message thread. WhatsApp was chosen because it is free, secure, and allows a large number of phone numbers on a single thread. This thread can be used by anyone on it to discuss upcoming events, plan informal get togethers, share information, and more! If you would like more information, or to be added, please email Alicia McCarthy at alicia.mccarthy12@gmail.com

- **Youth Sundays:**

Next dates are September 21st and October 19th. Youth Sundays are a chance for our youth and young families to have increased participation in services, including a youth-centered liturgy and all children being invited up to the altar for the consecration. We look forward to seeing you!

- **Young Families Outreach Opportunities:**

Starting this fall, we are implementing regular outreach/service opportunities for our children attending Sunday School, our youth group, and our young families. Everyone at Christ Church is welcome to participate! Once per month, after church, we will be hosting an outreach project that is appropriate for young children to participate. This will be done either in lieu of, or as part of, Sunday School. We are currently working to establish specific dates with service projects for each date. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please reach out to Alicia McCarthy at alicia.mccarthy12@gmail.com.

- **Playground After Church:**

Children (with parental supervision) are invited to use our church playground (behind the parking lot next to the Rector's house) after services! It's a great way to get out some wiggles before the sun gets too high.

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, AND REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adults interested in confirmation, formal reception into the Episcopal Church, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant, please speak with Fr. Ernie.

FALL PARISH PICNIC Please plan to join us at our **Fall Parish Picnic, Saturday, September 13, 3:00PM - 7:00 PM at Jay and JoAnn Townsend's farmhouse**, 303 W Baltimore Pike, Media. (Rain or shine). Hamburgers, hotdogs, iced tea, lemonade, water and juice packets for children will be served - bring your favorite side or dessert and adult beverage if you wish. Swimming, corn hole, hayrides, and other games on site. Parents, feel free to bring snacks and games that your children enjoy. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs/blanket and pool towels! If you can help with manning the griddle or with cleaning up, please indicate in the appropriate space on the Fall Parish Picnic Signup. (**Please note: There is no obligation to bring food of any sort. Saturdays are very busy for families, so come as you are whenever you can make it!) See sign up link online or in the Church hallway. Need more information? Email Joel Lenderman at joel@christchurchmedia.org We hope to see you there!

ST. MARY'S FOOD COLLECTION Many people in our area suffer food insecurity. You can help by adding a few things to your grocery cart each week and bringing them to church. Christ Church coordinates regular collection of non-perishable food items for St. Mary's Cupboard in Chester. You can drop off your donations in the cupboard located in St. Joseph's Hall.

From St. Johns Food Pantry in Essington

We are looking for a volunteer or group of volunteers to assist with our Caring for Friends food pick up. This is twice a month, and we need to go to the pick up, load the boxes into your car and take to church. The volunteer will have a key to drop off and set up inside.

Our clients appreciate receiving fresh produce and perishable items from Caring for Friends that we could not otherwise provide.

If anyone is able to help please let me know. If we have more than one volunteer, we can rotate the pick ups. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, MaryAnn Waters, Rectors Warden at St. Johns- Essington 610-405-9043 or Deacon Joe German, 610-389-0793

Caring For Friends Pick Up –

1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month

- Arrive between 9am-11am to pick up fresh and non-perishable food, deliver and put away at church
- Pick up address: Trainer Pantry, 824 Main St. Trainer, PA 19061
- * Drop off at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, 3rd St. and Wanamaker Ave.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **St. Mary's Food pantry in Chester** - We are in need of individuals to work on Wednesdays 10:00AM-12:00PM filling bags and/or possible delivery to some the area consolidated housing.
Please contact Rev. Deidre Whitfield [610] 745-2053 for mor information.
- **St. John's food Pantry in Essington** - We are in need of individuals to fill families orders and assist in other ways on Tuesdays from 04:45PM-06:00PM each week. Help is needed every week especially the first Tuesday of the month as they distribute toiletries and fresh produce that week.
Please contact the rectors warden at St. John's, Mary Ann Waters [610] 405-9043.

FAMILY FUN CANDY BINGO on **Sunday, August 17th from 1-3pm** at St. Stephen's Church, 128 Chester Pike, Norwood. All prizes are candy – it's a sweet time for all ages. Proceeds benefit St. Stephen's Blessing Bags for Children program, helping feed kids in the community. \$5 per person for 5 rounds of Bingo, snacks and drinks available for purchase. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of fun that gives back! For more info, visit www.sstephen.org

BLOOD DRIVE – Tuesday, August 26th, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church, 576 Concord Road, Glen Mills is hosting a blood drive in their Parish Hall on August 26th. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: SaintJohnsConcord to schedule an appointment. See flyer on bulletin board.

FALL FESTIVAL – Our **Fall Festival will be Saturday, November 8, 9 am – 3 pm** in St. Joseph and St. Mary's halls. Jo Trout is chairing this year's event. Planning is underway and many of you have already heard from Jo. The Fall Festival is an opportunity for Christ Church congregation fellowship and engagement with our local community. **Thank you to those who have already volunteered to support the Fall Festival.** We hope everyone will save this date and make plans to participate. More details to come including a special Fall Festival eNews that will be published on Wednesdays beginning in September. Questions and suggestions, contact Jo at mario4891@verizon.net

Did you know that Christ Church has an online presence? You can follow us at Christ Episcopal Church Media, PA on Facebook for morning and evening prayers, community content, and spirit-based reflections. We have moved from Twitter to Bluesky, where we are [@ccmediapa311@bsky.social](https://bsky.social/ccmediapa311)

RECTOR OUT OF OFFICE Fr. Ernie will be out of the office August 11-19.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS Monday-Thursday, 8:30am—2:30pm

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

10 Pentecost, August 17

9AM

Crucifer – Grace Anderson
1st Server - Olivia Anderson
2nd Server – Nora Dufner
Gospeler – Frank Mathews
Paten – Deacon Joe German
CB1 – Sue Welfley
CB2 – Susan Mayer
OT/Psalm – Carol Smith
NT – Dunn Family
PP – Bethany Dufner

Ushers

9AM

Sandy & Jim McKeown

11 Pentecost, August 24

9AM

Crucifer – Rob Miller
1st Server – Ivy Comerford
2nd Server – Peter Falcone
Gospeler – Frank Mathews
Paten – Deacon Joe German
CB1 – Kate Zurick
CB2 – Mary Ann Klassen
OT/Psalm Sue Welfley
NT -
PP – Holly Cunningham

Ushers

9AM

Adrianne Somaru, Gregg Smith

Weekly Calendar

10 Pentecost, August 17

8:30am Nursery Care
9am Holy Eucharist Rite I
Followed by Tea on the Lawn

Monday, August 18

Tuesday, August 19

Wednesday, August 20

8pm AA Meeting, SJH

Thursday, August 21

Friday, August 22

Saturday, August 23

9am Altar Guild
11 Pentecost, August 24
8:30am Nursery Care
9am Holy Eucharist Rite II
Followed by Tea on the Lawn

ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Rector: The Reverend Ernest Galaz, frernie@christchurchmedia.org
Deacon: The Reverend Joseph German,
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Vestry

2026

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

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Jo Trout, Hospitality
Peggy Levesque, Secretary of Vestry

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Frank Mathews, Liturgical
Mary Ellen Maatman, Communications
Alicia McCarthy, Parish Life

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
9:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

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