*The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
*August 18, 2024*



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# CHRIST CHURCH

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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH, an Episcopal parish of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this morning, and to receive Holy Communion or a blessing at the communion rail. We invite you to ask questions, explore, and to make yourself known to those around you. Please pick up any other information about the parish located on the table in the back of the church. Tell us more about yourself by filling out one of the cards located in each pew. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES. Changing stations are available in both rest rooms at the Paterson Street entrance; you can get there through the side door of the church.

WE REJOICE that you have chosen to worship here this Pentecost season. If you would like to learn more about our Parish, please phone the Parish Office at 732.545.6262. Many of our upcoming events are listed on our web site, christchurchnewbrunswick.org; we hope that you decide to join us.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Inclusive Language in Worship: Because language has the power to shape our thinking about God and one another, Christ Church makes every effort to bring the language of worship in line with biblical theology that affirms that the personhood of God embraces all that is truly female and male, and that men and women are equals. In our liturgy some historical texts that are widely known and loved are left unchanged.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to worship with us any Sunday.

Our Summer service time begins at 9:30 AM.

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Are available for the Lower Church Street parking deck next to the church grounds. Please see an usher for a voucher and instructions.

## INTERCESSIONS

AT EVERY CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, the nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns of this community, those who suffer and those in any trouble, and the departed. Please feel free to add your own petitions during the prayers, either silently or aloud. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, you may also fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

## WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

We remember in today's prayers:

***The Sick and Others in Need—*** *Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Andre, Arnold, Barb, Barbara, Bettye, Christine, Danielle, Doreen, Dorothy, Edith, Eleanor, Isobel, Jacqueline, Jeannine, Jim, Jim, Jonathan, Joy, Joyce, Karl, Lenora, Linda, Mark F., Mary, Matthew, Matthew S., Sarah, Shawn, Sheila, Tabby, Timothy, and Vivian.*

***Anglican Cycle –*** *The Anglican Church of Melanesia*

***Diocesan Cycle –*** *Ministry of the Testing and Vaccines Task Force*

***Christ Church Ministry –*** *Discipleship and Adult Formation Committee*

***Birthdays this week –*** *Richard Costello, Joanne D'Onofrio, Thelma Fergusson, Elfrida Gooding, Kennedy Jones, Samuel Murphy, and Robert Pritchett*

## PASTORAL CARE

If you are in crisis, having surgery, are in the hospital and are in need of pastoral counseling from a clergy person, please do not hesitate to contact The Rev. Joanna Hollis— 732.354.1450

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Joanna and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact either Rev. Hollis or Rev. Roberts if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

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Worshipping God
Serving God's People
Christ Church New Brunswick

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***9:30 AM***



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE *Lied* L.Vierne

*Please stand and sing at the Procession*

ENTRANCE HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #427**

*The Presider welcomes the people and says*
*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
***People*** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

GLORIA

**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 give you thanks,**
**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**
**Lord God, Lamb of God,**
**you take away the sin of the world:**
**have mercy on us;**
**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**
**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**
**you alone are the Lord,**
**you alone are the Most High,**
**Jesus Christ,**
**with the Holy Spirit,**
**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT**
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. **Amen.**

**First Lesson:** *1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14*

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
***People*** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111

1 Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
**in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.**

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
**they are studied by all who delight in them.**

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
**and his righteousness endures for ever.**

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
**the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
**he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
**in giving them the lands of the nations.**

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
**all his commandments are sure.**

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
**because they are done in truth and equity.**

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
**holy and awesome is his Name.**

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
**those who act accordingly have a good understanding;**
**his praise endures for ever.**

**THE EPISTLE** *Ephesians 5:15-20*

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
***People*** **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN "Be Thou my Spirit" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #488**

**THE GOSPEL** *John 6:51-58*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

***People*** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People*** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON Rev. Joanna Hollis

THE NICENE CREED

*All who are able please stand*

**ALL** **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. 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

*Leader* Responding, "Hear our prayer," let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

*The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.*
*After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect*

## Confession & Absolution

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.
***People*** **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord*

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN "I'm Going-A-Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"
**RED *LEVAS* HYMNAL #117**

*All who are able please stand*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP, page 361*

The Lord be with you.
*People* **And also with you.**
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Presider continues with the Proper Preface of the Day.*

*Presider* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS
***ALL*** **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.**

*The people continue to stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

*Presider* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**
**Christ is risen.**
**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully

receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Presider* As our brother Christ taught us, we now pray,

***ALL*** **Our Father in heaven,**
**hallowed be your Name,**
**your kingdom come,**
**your will be done,**
**on earth as in heaven.**
**Give us today our daily bread.**
**Forgive us our sins**
**as we forgive those**
**who sin against us.**
**Save us from the time of trial,**
**and deliver us from evil.**
**For the kingdom, the power,**
**and the glory are yours,**
**now and for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the bread.*

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

***ALL*** T**herefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation. All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.*

*The Bread and Cup are given to the Communicants with these words*

*Minister* The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
***Recipient*** **Amen.**
*Minister* The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
***Recipient*** **Amen.**

## Spiritual Communion Prayer For Those Joining Us Online:

Gracious God, our sustainer and source of all good things in the universe. As we gather in community this day, we are mindful of those who through circumstance or conscience are unable to partake of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation at this time. You are the source of the food and water which nourishes and sustains us. As we are the product of all we have partaken, we know that we are infused with your life-giving food and drink and that are never separated from you. Though we are many, we are joined in Christ. We are one Body, one Cup in the name of the One God. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN "All My Hope on God is Founded"

**The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #665**

POST-COMMUNION

*All who are able please stand*

*Presider* Let us pray.

***ALL*** **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**
**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN "O Praise ye the Lord" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #432**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL *From* Feasting on the Word

*The Presider will give the blessing.*
***People*** **Amen.**

*The Deacon will give the dismissal.*
***People*** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Voluntary* in G Major W. Boyce



# PARISH NOTES

## PENTECOST 2024

PARISH SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 18– AUGUST 25, 2024

*Parish Summer Office Hours This Week:*
*Tuesday – 9:00am to 2:30pm*
*Friday – 9:00am to 12:30pm*

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| **Sunday** | 8:45 a.m. | Choir Warm Up, Music Director's 1st Floor Office |
| | **9:30 a.m.** | **Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary** |
| **Wednesday** | **12:00p.m.** | **Noonday Prayer, Zoom** |
| | 7:30 p.m. | WomenSpirit, Zoom |
| **Thursday** | 7:00 p.m. | St. Alban's Bible Study, Zoom |
| **Saturday** | 3:00 p.m. | Summer Garden Party, Christ Church Garden |

*JOIN US AFTER THE 9:30 AM SERVICE FOR COFFEE HOUR IN THE NICHOLAS ROOM




Join members of Christ Church **TODAY** for a "Packing Party"!

Supplies will be packed for the Choice Food and Resource Center directly after the 9:30am service.

We hope to see you there!

Can't make it to the packing party, but want to help? Donations of diapers in sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7 as well as adult incontinence products in all sizes are in constant demand.

# Summer Garden Party

## Saturday, August 24
## 3:00-5:00 pm

## Hosted by Christ Church for the New Brunswick Community

## All are welcome to this free event

## 5 Paterson Street
## New Brunswick

Raindate: Sun., Aug. 25 from 3-5 pm

## Vestry Key Topics

1. The Vestry is excited to be holding our Garden Party on Aug.24 as a way to illustrate our place in the community, Please come with a friend to enjoy time together!

2. A property update and thank you-Jonathan Clark worked multiple days to make a bench in the garden sturdy. Come sit for a spell and enjoy the garden.

3. Discussions between a few Vestry members and Trinity Wall Street were had as a possible avenue for a future vision for5 Paterson. While no decisions have been made, the possibility of collaboration is exciting!

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Bring your pet for a special blessing for the year!

Saturday, October 12, 2024 @ 1pm.

Franklin Animal Shelter
475 DeMott Lane
Somerset, NJ 08873

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Join the 20th Bishop George E Councell Memorial Golf Outing with Pickleball Challenge on Monday, October 14, 2024 at Mercer Oaks Golf Course West Windsor, NJ. Use the link below to register.
https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/george-e-councell-memorial-golf-outing



## July, 2024 Choice Food and Resource Center Action

In July, the Choice Food and Resource Center (CFRC) provided fresh and shelf-stable food as well as personal care products to the following:

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| Number of families served | 272 which comprised |
| Number of adults | 640 |
| Number of children | 376 |

Of the 640 adults, 119 were Seniors.

In addition, we provided 109 sets of diapers, four set up Pull-Ups, and 10 sets of adult diapers, as well as 117 packages of wipes and 244 sets of sanitary pads.

This work cannot continue without your help. Donations of diapers in sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7 as well as adult incontinence products in all sizes are in constant demand. You can bring donation to church on any Sunday and leave them in the back, or have them shipped to "Your Name, c/o Christ Church, 418 Magnolia Street, Highland Park, NJ 08904" (the Ambos household, since someone is present daily while the office at church is not staffed 7 days a week).

The CFRC can always use pasta, peanut butter, pasta sauce in non-glass containers, and canned tuna or chicken. You can also send along any travel-size personal care products you may have acquired if you were lucky enough to travel this summer!

Join us this Sunday, August 18, after the ONE 9:30 am service to help us prepare for the remainder of the summer and the beginning of September and the school year! September's packing party will be Sunday, September 15. Supplies and instructions will be in the Children's Chapel, so you can pitch in after the 8 am or 10:30 am service!

Peace,

Catherine Ambos

Laundry Love, August 2024

On August 12 26 families joined us at the Handy Street Laundromat and were helped by Paul and Catherine Ambos. Since we did not have our dedicated volunteer Tony Scimone to help, even the lone person doing laundry for himself got their own laundry card. It's summer, we were cramped for space since renovations are ongoing at the Laundromat. Maybe in September the new tile floor will be completed and we will have our usual space back, and those doing their laundry will have their folding table back! Also, continuing thanks for Mary Lou Taylor who keeps us supplied with the Earth Breeze and dryer sheet packs that make preparing for each session so much easier.

This vital ministry depends on your donations of funds for the washers and dryers as well as your time. Having a dedicated volunteer assist people who are only doing laundry for one person has helped us stretch our funds, since very few of these guests need more than about half the value in the card to do their laundry. If you would like to spend a few hours the second Monday evening a month to help our neighbors we would love to have you join us. Knowledge of Spanish is nice; sincere compassion for our guests is necessary. Contact Catherine Ambos either at msambos@gmail.com or 732-718-2039 for further information.

Our next Laundry Love session is Monday, September 9, at the Handy Street Laundromat. If you want to volunteer, contact Catherine Ambos (msambos@gmail.com or 732-718-2039) or show up around 5:15 p.m.

Catherine Ambos, Coordinator

**AUGUST 18, 2024**
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY**
**AFTER PENTECOST**

taking faith home

*Jesus came to give us eternal life.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

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| **Sunday** | **John 6:51-58** | **Christ, the true food and drink** |
| **Monday** | **Proverbs 9:1-6** | **Wisdom's feast** |
| **Tuesday** | **Ephesians 5:15-20** | **Be filled with the Holy Spirit** |
| **Wednesday** | **Matthew 26:26-30** | **The Lord's Supper** |
| **Thursday** | **Exodus 16:27-36** | **Bread from heaven** |
| **Friday** | **1 Corinthians 11:23-26** | **The Lord's Supper** |
| **Saturday** | **Psalm 34:9-14** | **God teaches the fear of the Lord** |
| **Sunday** | **John 6:56-69** | **Many disciples desert Jesus** |

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day."* **John 6:54 (NRSV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

**A Prayer for the Week:**
Eternal God, give us wisdom to receive Jesus, the one who comes as the bread of life to fill us with life and love and hope. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**
Dear God, we thank you for this meal; let it remind us of Jesus, the bread of life, who has come into our lives to give us joy that knows no end. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**
May you be filled with the joy of Jesus dwelling in you.

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# AUGUST 18, 2024

taking faith home

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*All Who Hunger,*
*Gather Gladly*

## WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell about or reflect on a special meal you had with others. What made that meal special?
- If Jesus was your guest at a meal, what would you ask him?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Proverbs 9:1-6 and John 6:51-58.
In Proverbs 9, we are invited to enjoy a feast that offers not only food and drink but the pleasure of walking in the ways of God, *"the way of insight"* (v. 6). In John 6, Jesus invites people to feast on the wisdom of God embodied in him, *"the Word made flesh"* (John 1:14). Jesus' words have an obvious connection to the Lord's Supper, the last meal with his disciples before his death. Instead of retelling the story of the last supper as is done in Luke, Matthew, and 1 Corinthians, this reading in John 6 gives us the meaning of the Lord's Supper. As we feast on Jesus, the bread of life, we live a life that dwells in his presence. We abide in him and he in us. The life God intends for us is eternal life. It is a life that knows no end. When we partake of the Lord's Supper, we receive a way of life filled with divine wisdom, goodness, and mercy. It is what Jesus came to give us.
*Discuss:* What does the Lord's Supper mean to you?
*Pray:* **Living God, we thank you for Jesus, the bread of life, who gives us the meal that grants us eternal life through your divine wisdom, goodness, and mercy. Amen.**

## SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, plan a meal for others to enjoy, especially those in need of encouragement.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The texts this week focus on living wisely and enjoying life that is experienced in the presence of God. In Proverbs 9:6, wisdom is described as walking *"in the way of insight."* Go for a walk and pay attention to what you can notice through your senses. What do you smell, see, hear, touch, and even taste that fill the space you are in? How does awareness of your senses and what you have experienced enrich your life today as a gift of our gracious God?
*Pray:* **Creator God, for all that you give to us, help us to be aware and thankful. In Jesus' name, amen.**

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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

| | August 18 | August 25 |
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| **Preacher** | Rev. Joanna Hollis | Rev. Joanna Hollis |
| **Deacon** | Daphne Roberts | |
| **Organist** | Suzanne McDonald | Suzanne McDonald |
| **9:30 AM** | **9:30 AM** | **9:30 AM** |
| **Lector & Intercessor** | Debra Lowe | Jonathan Clarke |
| **LEM** | Artie Phills | Debra Lowe |
| **Vestry Announcements** *LEM will read the Epistle* | Sheila Cooper | Jim Nichols |
| **Acolytes (3)** | | |
| **Ushers** | Jonathan Gloster | |
| **Production Minister** | Jason Kaelber | Jason Kaelber |
| **Altar Guild** | Mervis Johnson/ Margaret Brown-Stansbury | Nancy Walworth |
| **Coffee Hour** | | |

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