The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 28, 2025



Artwork: "The Rich Man and Lazarus"
Artist: James Janknegt

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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.

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— *Arnold, Barb, Brianna, Dennis, Doreen, Edith, Erica, Florence, Georgia, Hansford, Jean, Jeannine, Jefferson, Jim, Julia, Kristen, Margaret, Pam, Pat, Robert, Stanford, Steve, Thalia, Theayer, Timothy, Tisha, Vivian*
Anglican Cycle *– we pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan*
Diocesan Cycle *– The Rev. Frank B. Crumbaugh, III*
Christ Church Ministry *– Music Committee*
Birthdays this week *– Briannagh Dennehy, Danielle Forbes, Jim Pullaro, Jean Zimmerman*
Memorial Flowers *– are given by the Wisheart Family in memory of Catherine V. Wisheart*

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. Daphne P. Roberts -732.991.6733.

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Hollis 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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Presider: The Rev. Alistair So-Schoos



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE *Lament* J. West

THE WORD OF GOD

All who are able please stand as the ministers enter and sing

The Presider welcomes the congregation, and then says

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

COLLECT OF PURITY *BCP, page 324*

The Presider 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.***

The Presider continues

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 *BCP, page 324*

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

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 upon 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 upon 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

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

First Lesson: *Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that

this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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

PSALM 91:1-6, 14-16

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
2 He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.
4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
a**nd show him my salvation.**

THE EPISTLE *1 Timothy 6:6-19*

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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THE GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In

Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

SERMON Rev. Alistair So-Schoos

All who are able please stand

THE NICENE CREED

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 Let us pray to our God, saying "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

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

ALL **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.

Presider 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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN "Tell Out my soul" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #438**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP page 340*

Presider The Lord be with you.
ALL **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
ALL **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
ALL **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider 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.

The Presider continues with the Proper Preface of the Day.

Presider 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

ALL **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 people may stand or kneel as able

Presider 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.

ALL **Amen**

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

ALL **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread. After a period of silence, all sing

Presider Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

ALL **Therefore 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.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION "Mediation" G. Near

AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

ALL **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 also are 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.**

FINAL HYMN "When in our Music God is glorified" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 420 v. 1-3**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Presider blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Intermezzi number 6* H. Schroeder

Parish Notes

Parish Schedule for September 28– October 4, 2025

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Tuesday & Thursday – 9:30am to 3:00pm, Friday – 9:30am to 1:00pm

Sunday	**9:30 a.m.**	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
	11:30 a.m.	Cottage Meeting, Mark McMahon's House
Monday	4:00p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	7:00p.m.	Tuesdayers, Zoom
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom
Thursday	6:30p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Zoom
Saturday	**1:00p.m.**	**Blessings of the Animals, Franklin Animal Shelter**

*Join Us AFTER THE 9:30 AM Service for Coffee Hour in the Nicholas Room

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Tell Out My Soul

The Stewardship Committee is inviting you to join members at a Cottage Meeting.

Why should you attend a Tell Out My Soul Cottage Meeting?

During this time of transition at Christ Church, better knowing each other's stories will be crucial in determining, with God's help, how to move forward as a parish. Please plan to join one, if you are able.

TODAY, Sunday, September 28
at the home of Mark McMahon
1 Spring Street Apt 1502, New Brunswick, NJ -one block away from church
11:30-1:00 pm. Please note-max 8 people for this session.

October 12
after the service (11 am) in the Ross Room. In case none of the other sessions fit your schedule. No RSVP needed for this session.

- Please note, Mark McMahon has pets at his home-a cat and a dog.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Meetings with no attendees reserved will be canceled. Link to RSVP: https://forms.gle/N3FA6DxHMSxaXSnZ7



Thank You!

We were so happy to see the wonderful enthusiasm from everyone for the *Silver Styles* event! When all the Zelle contributions and checks are added together, we expect the total donations to Christ Church to be between **$400 and $500**. The Treasurer will confirm and report the final amount to us soon. A heartfelt **thank you to everyone** who participated and contributed!



Are you an adult that is considering Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church? Join an online class from the diocese beginning on **Thursday, October 2nd, at 7 pm**, and running on each of the five Thursdays in October. Register at https://tinyurl.com/56vzcmvc, which is the same as https://dioceseofnj.zoom.us/meeting/register/2kLXn4mCQjWW8LdOb-I7zA



Blessing of the Animals St. Francis of Assisi Day

Bring your pet for a special blessing for the year!
We will also be blessing shelter animals.

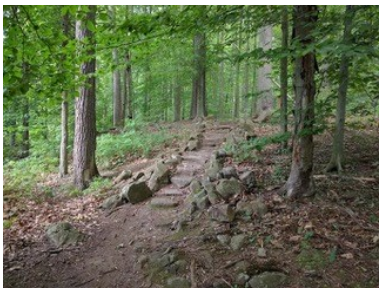


Saturday, October 4
1:00 p.m.

Franklin Animal Shelter
475 DeMott Lane
Somerset NJ

(On the grassy area between the old school house and the shelter building)

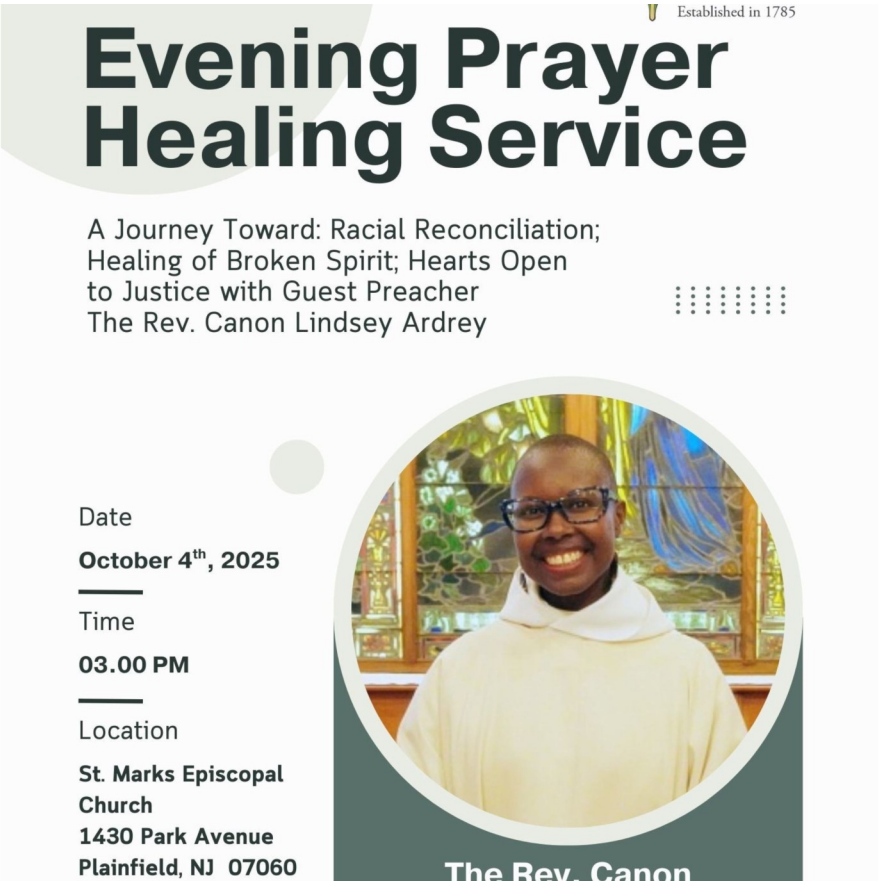
Cat or dog food donations are greatly appreciated.



Divine Encounter

As part of our efforts to get to know our fellow Christian communities in New Brunswick, let's join together with Emanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 4th for a Divine Encounter.

As part of a new spiritual practice and in conjunction with the Season of Creation, Pastor Scott Rush of Emanuel Lutheran will lead a nature walk and divine encounter with creation at Davidson's Mill Pond Park on **Saturday, October 4th at 10am**.
Please let Pastor Scott (pastor@emanuelnb.org) know if you are interested.





Wardens' Office Hours!

Have something to share with our wardens? Meegan Adames, Rector's Warden & Jonathan Gloster, People's Warden, will be holding office hours on the first Sunday of each month.

*Next Meeting **October 5th** - after the 9:30 service in the Ross Room.*

Save the following dates, with time and location to follow:
October 5th, November 2nd, December 7th

RaiseRight™
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It is time for the Christ Church October RaiseRight Order!

Paul Ambos will be placing a new card order on the morning of **Monday, October 6**. Please place your orders accordingly. If you plan to mail an order with a check, please (a) mail it by **Wednesday, October 2,** or, better, (b) advise Paul by email when you mail it of what your order is so that he can place it on time despite possible Post Office delays. Or, if you place your own order directly on the RaiseRight website or app, Paul will be able to see it there when he orders the monthly batch.

RaiseRight website https://www.raiseright.com/shop

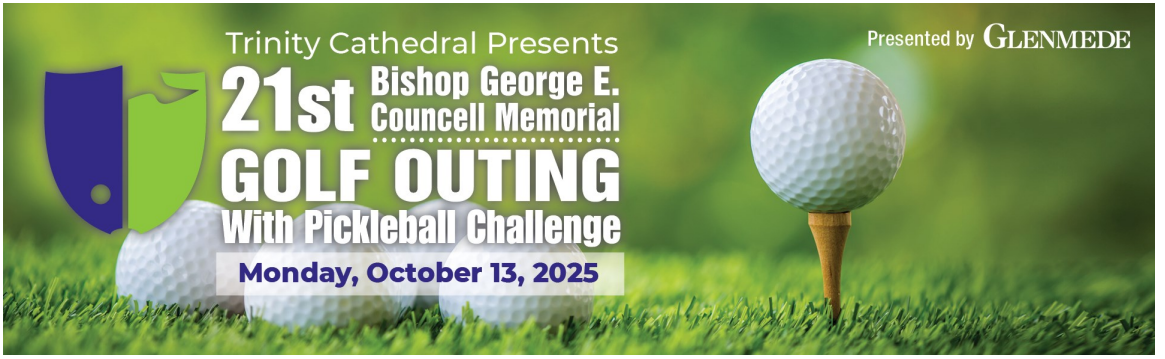
Tell Out My Soul

Join the Stewardship Committee for the upcoming meeting on October 13 at 5:30pm via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83614393164?pwd=xqJ4SGkW45WMv19XTvJHSChlLlirXb.1

Meeting ID: 836 1439 3164
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The 21st Annual Bishop George E. Councell Memorial Golf Outing and Pickleball Challenge

October 13, 2025

Twenty one years ago, members of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey, organized a golf outing designed to both raise funds for the Cathedral's ministry and foster fellowship among member churches of the Diocese of New Jersey. Since its founding, the outing has raised over nearly $600,000 and brings together representatives from more than 20 congregations from the far reaches of the Diocese.

Bishop George E. Councell, 11th bishop of the Diocese (2003-2013) was an early and stalwart supporter of what would become a signature event. A genial presence, his infectious enthusiasm greeted participants as they returned to the clubhouse anxious to learn who would be awarded the coveted Bishop's Cup. Following his untimely death in 2018, the outing was named in Bishop Councell's honor.

The ministries of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral continue to be inspired by the grace and dignity of Bishop Councell, tirelessly serving churchgoers and the greater community at large during these tumultuous times.

Please save the date for the 21st Annual event: Monday, October 13, 2025. Stay tuned for more information on how you can support the outing, including: sponsorships, program book advertising, dinner tickets, golfing and playing pickleball!

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

Caring for others is the way of Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**Luke 16:19-31**	**Poor Lazarus and the rich man**
Monday	**Amos 6:1a, 4-7**	**Judgment for a self-indulgent life**
Tuesday	**1 Timothy 6:6-19**	**The good fight of faith**
Wednesday	**Proverbs 22:2-16**	**The value of a good reputation**
Thursday	**Psalm 119:73-80**	**The glories of God's law**
Friday	**2 Corinthians 8:8-15**	**Generous giving**
Saturday	**Psalm 146**	**Praise for God's help**
Sunday	**Luke 17:5-10**	**Faith the size of a mustard seed**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. **Psalm 146:9 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Loving God, give us faith to see that the true riches in life are filled with compassion for others, especially those in need, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, you who feed the hungry and fill the needy with good things, we thank you for this gift of food through Jesus Christ who cares for all people. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May God bless you with contentment.

MILESTONES MINISTRY

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taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Canticle of the Turning

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:

- What gets in the way of helping those in need?
- How have you or someone you know shown God's compassion by giving to someone in need?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 Timothy 6:6-19.

All the readings for this week reveal God's compassion for the needy. God's righteousness seeks life-giving relationships. Those who have wealth are to share with those who do not. Caring for a widow, an orphan, or a poor man at a rich man's door is the way of Jesus. God expects more than comfort and luxurious living from God's people. All we really need in life is *"godliness combined with contentment"* (v. 6). It's not that money is evil; it's the love of money. The desire for wealth can get in the way of healthy relationships that God wants for us. The real treasure is not hoarding wealth or basking in luxuries. Rather, the treasure and joy of life is where we put our energies and trust. It is experienced in *"righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness"* (v. 11b). That is the *"good fight of the faith"* (v. 12), freeing us from harmful desires and blessing us with eternal life that begins now by loving our neighbor with all our being.

Discuss: When have you experienced the love of money getting in the way of a relationship?

Pray: **Compassionate God, we thank you for the treasure of a life of faith that we may be generous with others and content with what we have for the sake of Christ Jesus. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you become more involved in the needs of your community?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Giving is a response to God's generosity. Walk around your house and look in closets and drawers. Make a list of things you no longer use or need. Think or talk about who may appreciate and need them and consider taking them to organizations who can give them to those in need.

Pray: **Lord, fill me with faith and generosity. Amen.**

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	September 28	**October 5**
Presider	Rev. Alistair So-Schoos	Rev. Daniel Scott Russell
Preacher	Rev. Alistair So-Schoos	Rev. Daniel Scott Russell
Deacon	Rev. Daphne P. Roberts	Rev. Daphne P. Roberts
Organist	Suzanne McDonald	Suzanne McDonald
	9:30 A.M.	**9:30 A.M.**
Lector & Intercessor	Kevin Stansbury	Meegan Adames
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Debra Lowe	Artie Phills
Acolyte / Server		
Vestry Announcements	Mark McMahon	Meegan Adames
Usher		
Production Minister	Jonathan Gloster	Steve Caruso
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson Margaret Brown-Stansbury	Nancy Walworth Sheila Cooper
Coffee Hour		

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